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## CHINA'S NEW VISION.

### CHIANG KAI-SHEK GIVES SPLENDID LEAD.

### LETHARGY AND INCOMPETENCE TO BE SWEEPED AWAY.

### THE MUKDEN ALLIANCE.

**S**IGNS that a new era is dawning for China, the co-operation of Chang Hsueh-liang with Chiang Kai-shek for the good of the country as a whole, the courageous condemnation by the President of the National Government of the state of corruption into which the Kuomintang Party has degenerated, evidence that the leaders of the Party are at last facing up to the issues squarely, have been followed by the preparation of a new and comprehensive political programme which is likely to meet with unreserved approval by well-wishers of China.

The North China Daily News declares that Nanking will not be true to itself or to the country if it fails to take advantage of the advice so frankly given.

One of the suggestions put forward at yesterday's meeting of the Plenary Session of the Central Executive Committee of the Party, involved the calling of a National Assembly, or Parliament, on democratic lines, but it was felt that the time is not yet ripe for such a departure, and the matter was referred to the C.P.C. which practically means that it is shelved for the time being.

### THE NEW BROOM PROGRAMME.

Shanghai, Nov. 18.

Commenting this morning on a comprehensive political programme drawn up by a Special Committee in Nanking, composed of Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, Mr. Hu Han-min, Mr. Tai Chi-tao, and Mr. Wang Ching-hui, for the reorganization of the government machinery, the wiping away of corrupt practices, the improvement of officialdom, and to finally decide the main policies of the Central and local governments for the immediate future, the North China Daily News states that the whole document may be taken as an expression of the high ideals which to-day stand a better chance of attainment than ever before in the history of the revolution.

#### Unification in Sight.

"There is every indication," says the journal, "of a complete understanding between Nanking and Mukden and the virtual unification of the country as far as is possible in existing circumstances, with the prospect of becoming complete should the first part of the programme be carried to a conclusion."

It adds that the Young Marshal has emphasized his desire to work with Nanking for the good of the country as a whole and it would be a remarkably daring nationalist who would endeavour to stand in the way of the Young Marshal's combination with Chiang Kai-shek for the furtherance of a common policy.

#### Drags on Wheels.

"So with the public recognition of the many drags on the wheels of the revolutionary government, an early admission of the abuses which have arisen in the past three years, and the very evident determination to eradicate them, there is every prospect and hope for the internal future of China."

Chiang Kai-shek has given the lead. He has been warmly supported by the Committee, including the gentlemen aforementioned, and Nanking will not be true to itself and to the country if it fails to take advantage of the advice so frankly given.—*Reuter.*

### CHANGES IN FORM OF GOVERNMENT.

Chiang to be Chairman of Executive Yuan.

Nanking, Nov. 17.

The Fourth Plenary Session of the Kuomintang C.E.C. to-day decided upon important changes in the Organic Law of the National Government, while all Ministers will automatically be members of the State Council.

The first decision makes it certain that Marshal Chiang Kai-shek will become Chairman of the Executive Yuan.

### CUSTOMS SCHEME DROPPED.

#### CANTON OBJECTION TO THE KOWLOON SCHEME.

#### EFFECT ON REVENUE.

Nanking, Nov. 17.

At the Fourth Plenary Session of the Kuomintang C.E.C. to-day, the motion to open an open Customs Station in Hongkong was dropped.

It is understood that the scheme was vigorously opposed by General Chan Ming-shu, the Chairman of the Kuomintang Provincial Government, who asserts that such a scheme would seriously affect his revenues. *Reuter.*

Recent Chinese telegrams from Nanking indicated the possibility of Nationalist leaders being at loggerheads over the proposed establishment of a Maritime Customs Station at Kowloon for the purpose of protecting Canton's Customs revenues. The subject, it will be recalled, was recently investigated by Mr. F. W. Maize, the Inspector-General of Customs, and H. E. the Governor of Hongkong on the occasion of the former's visit to the Colony.

It appears that General Chan Ming-shu has contended at the Kuomintang Conference that the establishment of such a Customs Station would seriously affect the import trade of Canton, whilst, on the other hand, being of benefit to Hongkong. He is said to have stated that if the scheme were put into operation, goods passing through the Kowloon Customs would pay less taxation than is at present the case.

General Chan, in the course of a lengthy address on the subject to the Kuomintang Conference, is reported to have offered strong opposition to the project, and he urged the Conference to request the Finance Ministry to cancel the negotiations with the Hongkong Government.

Financial and economic experts attending the Conference are reported, after close examination of General Chan Ming-shu's objections, to have reached the conclusion that whilst the establishment of a Customs Station at Kowloon would benefit the Nanking Government to the extent of \$4,000,000 annually, it might have an injurious effect on the trade of Canton and on the proposed free-port scheme at Chungshan.

### WHEAT PRICES RISE IN CHICAGO.

#### GOVERNMENT MANOEUVRES BETTER TERMS.

Washington, Nov. 17.

Following further purchases of wheat by the Grain Stabilization Corporation, which is estimated now to hold 70,000,000 bushels of all grains, the Chicago Wheat Market rapidly advanced this morning, the trading recalling the hectic experiences during the war when foreign governments' orders of from five to ten million bushels sent up prices by five and ten cents daily.—*Reuter's American Service.*

### GUJARAT CONGRESS ARRESTS.

#### MILLIONAIRE'S WIFE AS DICTATOR.

Ahmedabad, Nov. 17.

Twenty-five arrests were made here yesterday, including that of Mrs. Ambalal Sarabhai, the Dictator of the Gujarat Provincial Congress Committee, which has been declared unlawful. She is the wife of a millionaire industrialist.—*Reuter.*

### SEQUEL TO RIOTING IN PERU.

#### RED AGITATORS SENT TO PENAL COLONY.

New York, Nov. 17.

The serious disturbances in Peru appear to have been quickly countered, a message from Lima stating that seventy Communist agitators have been arrested and sent to a penal colony, as a sequel to the riots at Cerro de Pasco.—*Reuter's American Service.*

### UNUSUAL PLEA IN MURDER TRIAL.

#### SON'S COMMENTS ON DEAD MAN.

#### JUSTIFIES CRIME AS BEING CHINESE CUSTOM.

#### YOUNG GIRL CHARGED.

Giving evidence at the Criminal Sessions this morning at the trial of a girl for the murder of her father-in-law at a village near Au Tau, the son of the dead man justified the crime, saying that Chinese custom demanded the death of a man guilty of indecently assaulting a female relative.

The case came before the acting Chief Justice and a jury, the accused being Pun Chin-ling. She is charged with the murder of her father-in-law, Cheung Yau-pak, at Sheung Tse village, Au Tau, on the evening of September 1, this year. The widow, Tang Yung, is also charged with the murder, but her case is to be heard separately.

Mr. Somerset Fitzroy is prosecuting for the Crown, and Mr. Leo D'Almada, junior, instructed by Mr. W. D. Owen, of Messrs. Hastings, Denny and Bowey, is defending.

#### Story of Crime.

Mr. Fitzroy outlined the circumstances of the case, detailing how Tang Yung caught her husband in the act of embracing his

### MRS. BRUCE LEAVES SHANGHAI.

#### Six Hundred Mile Flight to Seoul.

#### WHOLLY OVER SEA.

Shanghai, Nov. 18.

The Hon. Mrs. Victor Bruce left at 7.30 this morning on a direct flight to Seoul, the capital of Korea.

This is a 600-mile flight wholly over the sea, and is regarded as one of the most hazardous stages of Mrs. Bruce's flight.—*Reuter.*

### CANTON-HANKOW RLY. ENGINEER.

#### MR. VALPY'S CASE TO BE INVESTIGATED.

London, Nov. 17.

In the House of Commons at question-time to-day Mr. Hugh Dalton, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, stated that Mr. Arthur Henderson had asked Sir Miles Lampson, the British Minister in China, to enquire into the circumstances of the dismissal of Mr. Valpy, the Chief Engineer of the Canton-Hankow Railway.

The matter was brought up largely as a result of the proposed grant of Boxer Indemnity Funds for the purpose of completing the Canton-Hankow Railway. A Conservative member of the House a few days back suggested that Mr. Valpy's salary, amounting to \$36,000 had been withheld.—*Reuter.*

### AMERICAN BANKS IN DIFFICULTIES.

#### MANY CLOSE DOORS IN SOUTHERN STATES.

New York, Nov. 17.

Owing to financial difficulties, a number of banks in Kentucky and Arkansas have closed their doors. The closing of the National Bank of Kentucky at Louisville, which had resources of \$354,000, has been followed by the closing, as a precaution, of four smaller banks in Louisville, and one at Franklin, Kentucky.

The American Exchange Trust Company at Little Rock, Arkansas, has suspended payments to its depositors for five days, and twenty-nine other Arkansas banks are similarly suspending payments.—*Reuter's American Service.*

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## NEXT GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

### FEDERALISATION PLAN IN FAVOUR.

### BRIGHTEST HOPES RAISED DURING CONFERENCE DEBATE.

### IMPORTANT SPEECHES.

**U**NITARY form of government for India will receive scant attention at the Round Table Conference judging by a general discussion of the constitutional problems yesterday, the general tenor of which adds to the high hopes entertained for success. All the leading delegates favoured a federal system.

Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru, the British Indian delegate who on the eve of the Conference, with Mr. Jayakar, vainly tried to mediate between the Viceroy and Gandhi, emphasised the changes that had taken place in India in the last decade and the gravity of the civil disobedience movement.

He expressed the opinion that Parliamentary sovereignty for India really meant the sovereignty of half a dozen men in England and half a dozen in India. Indians, therefore, naturally sought freedom.

The Englishman, he added, asked what it meant when Indians used the "forbidden phrase," Dominion Status, but "did the average Englishman ask that question in 1865 as regards Canada, in 1900 as regards Australia and in 1909 as regards South Africa?"

He appealed to the Indian Princes to "move forward with the vision of India as a single whole, each part autonomous and absolutely independent within its borders, regulated by proper relations with the rest."

He strongly urged an All-India Federation, which Indians considered a "real live issue now."

He later declared that no Indian Minister could have made graver blunders than had been made in dealing with recurrent agitations in India in the past 25 years.

The Maharaja of Bikaner reaffirmed the unflinching loyalty of the Indian States to the Throne. They were most influenced by the development of political ideas and institutions beyond their frontiers. He criticised the Unitary form of government and recommended a Federal system, asking that the rights of the Princes arising from Treaties should be more precisely defined. He emphasised the importance of the establishment of a Supreme Court to adjudicate on treaty rights.

This was promised by Mr. Jayakar, who made further encouraging suggestions on the constitution.

### WIDE MEASURE OF AGREEMENT.

When the Plenary Session of the Indian Round Table Conference opened at St. James Palace this morning, the Prime Minister, who presided, read a message from the King, Emperor, stating that the King, Emperor, had received with much satisfaction the communications expressing the dutiful thanks of the Conference to the King for undertaking the opening ceremony and to the Queen for the kindly solicitude Her Majesty had displayed towards the delegates.

Before the meeting proceeded with the agenda prepared by the Business Committee of the Conference, the Prime Minister extended a cordial welcome to the delegates. They must, he said, keep in mind two things, firstly, that they were there to co-operate, secondly, that they must be animated by the determination to succeed.

#### General Discussion.

Interesting discussion was provoked by the recommendation of the Business Committee that the question should be debated as to whether the future constitution of India should be on a "federal" or a "unitary" basis.

It was suggested that the general trend of such a discussion would enable the conference, with the help of the committee, to frame a programme for future discussion in committee.

The Prime Minister indicated that he would, as Chairman, rule that a liberal interpretation be put upon the committee's report and would allow the delegates to refer to cognate questions.

#### Popular Voice.

Opening the general discussion upon the future constitution of India, Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru said it was perfectly natural that such country as his brought into contact with Western ideas and

vibrating with the new movement of freedom within its own borders as an integral part of the British Commonwealth, India wanted and was determined to achieve a status of equality with the other free members of the Commonwealth, which would give it a Government not merely responsible to but responsive to the popular voice.

He personally believed it would not do to offer provincial autonomy unless it were coupled with a decided and clear change in the constitution of the central Government, which must be made responsible to the Legislature.

He was a strong believer in the federal form of Government and believed that therein lay the salvation of India.

#### Association of States.

He would welcome the association of the Indian states with British India mainly for three reasons. They would furnish a stabilising factor in their constitution, the process of unification would begin without delay, and in regard to defence matters they would furnish practical experience which was yet wanting in British India.

Referring to commerce he said there was not a single man at the conference who would like to have any expropriatory legislation. Indians did not wish to rob Europeans of their capital and they were quite welcome to suggest any safeguards for their rights and interests and Indians would most willingly meet them.

Regarding the army, he recalled they had to train a sufficient number of their own men, which would require attention. What they required was the opportunity to train in the West.

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## REVENUE OFFICE CELLS.

### POWERS OF DETENTION QUESTIONED.

The authority of the officers of the Imports and Exports Department to detain alleged offenders against the Revenue Regulations was questioned by Mr. M. K. Lo, who appeared before Mr. Lindsell, at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon, to defend the proprietor and one of the Shing Mei Wo Distillery at Lyemun, accused of failing to record in their books certain quantities of mash.

Mr. J. D. Lloyd, Superintendent of Imports and Exports appeared for the prosecution, and explained that the defendants were alleged to have attempted to defraud the revenue by not accounting for a certain amount of spirit without making any record of molasses set to ferment and of spirit not distilled. The method adopted, as in all similar cases, was to put extra mash to ferment after the revenue officer had made his visit to the distillery, and then not make any record of the extra mash thus set.

Evidence was called and Mr. H. A. Taylor, Government Monopoly Analyst, was cross-examined as to the detention of the two defendants. Witness said that after his visit and his discovery of the difference in the condition of the molasses from what he would have expected from the entries in the book, he conducted the defendants around the premises to point out what the officers had seen. The defendants were in custody in that they were detained, but it was not until the party was leaving in custody and told to accompany the officers to Hongkong. The two men were kept at the Imports and Exports office throughout that night and charged the following day.

### What Authority?

Mr. Lo asked on what authority the men had been detained at the Imports and Exports office, and witness replied that he had acted under the instructions of Mr. Lloyd, the Superintendent. Witness estimated that he thought there was legal authority for his action. It had been done in the past, and he thought it was all right.

Mr. Lo asked for the production of the authority allowing prisoners to be detained at private houses.

Mr. Taylor: The Imports and Exports office is not a private house; it is a Police Station.

His Worship asked Mr. Lloyd if there was authority on that point. The Superintendent replied that he was not capable of going into that point, but when the Imports and Exports office was constructed the Government constructed two cells especially for the detention of prisoners for the usual 24 hours before being brought to Court.

Mr. Lo remarked that he wished Mr. Lloyd would not use the word "prisoners."

His Worship said that Mr. Taylor had made a definite assertion that the Imports and Exports office was a Police Station, but where was the reference in law? It did not matter if the Government constructed two cells or not.

Mr. Lloyd replied that he did not know of any reference in law.

His Worship asked that the point be investigated before the next hearing.

### Case Adjourned.

Continuing his cross-examination of Mr. Taylor, Mr. Lo asked if witness thought it was in accordance with the idea of justice, in the administration of British justice, to drag a person along when he was going to be charged.

Mr. Taylor replied that he had to take the men back to show them what had been discovered in the distillery, otherwise when the case was taken to Court they would deny the evidence of the prosecution.

Answering another question, Mr. Taylor said that he knew he could have had a revenue officer to arrest the men, have them taken to the Police Station and charged, and then it was for the Police to say what was to be done.

Mr. Lo was on the point to say something about Mr. Taylor's ac-

## INTER-PROVINCE AIR SERVICE.

### TO BE OPERATED FROM DECEMBER FIRST.

Canton, Nov. 17.  
As previously reported, the Aviation Department of the 8th Route Army plans to operate the passenger air service connecting Canton-Wuchow, Canton-Holkow, and Canton-Swanow, the plans having been approved by General Chan Chai-tong.

It is now understood that Colonel Hu Han-yin has been appointed to take charge of the passenger service of the above three lines, which will be put into operation on December 1. The planes "Ying Tak," "Cho Kiang," "Si Kiang," "Chu Kiang," and "Chang Kiang" of the 1st Aviation Squadron will be utilised for the operation of the service.

It is learned that a further line between Wuchow and Holkow, via Kwelping, Nanning and Pakhol will be opened, should the above mentioned three lines prove a success. Canton News Agency.

tion being eloquent of the mentality of a Hongkong officer when his Worship interposed and pointed out that Mr. Taylor had mentioned legal authority, causing Mr. Lo to retort that if the authority were produced he would criticise it.

His Worship remarked that he could then criticise the authority, but not Mr. Taylor personally.

Mr. Lo said that he would withdraw personal criticism against Mr. Taylor, but indicated that he did not anticipate the production of the authority claimed. It might be an impudent anticipation, but there it was.

The hearing was adjourned till to-morrow afternoon.

## THE SALVATION ARMY PROPERTY.

### TO BE VESTED IN SPECIAL TRUST COMPANY.

London, Nov. 17.  
The conference of Commissioners of the Salvation Army continued its sittings in London to-day.

At a long sitting on Saturday, the trusteeship of the Army's property and its capital assets, was considered, and it was unanimously resolved that the property of the Salvation Army should no longer be under the control of a single trustee; and it was agreed to form a trust company limited by guarantee, to be registered under the Companies Law, and to be appointed to take over and hold all real and personal property from time to time coming under the control of the General of the Salvation Army.—British Wireless.

## WORK OF IMPERIAL CONFERENCE.

### POSSIBILITY OF DISCUSSION IN THE COMMONS.

London, Nov. 17.

The Prime Minister will be asked in Parliament to-day whether he intends to make a statement on the work of the Imperial Conference, and it is generally assumed that if the opposition so desire, there will be an early discussion in the House of Commons.

Closer study of the summary of proceedings of the Conference has, however, modified the disappointment expressed in some Conservative quarters concerning the results of the conference in the economic field.—British Wireless.

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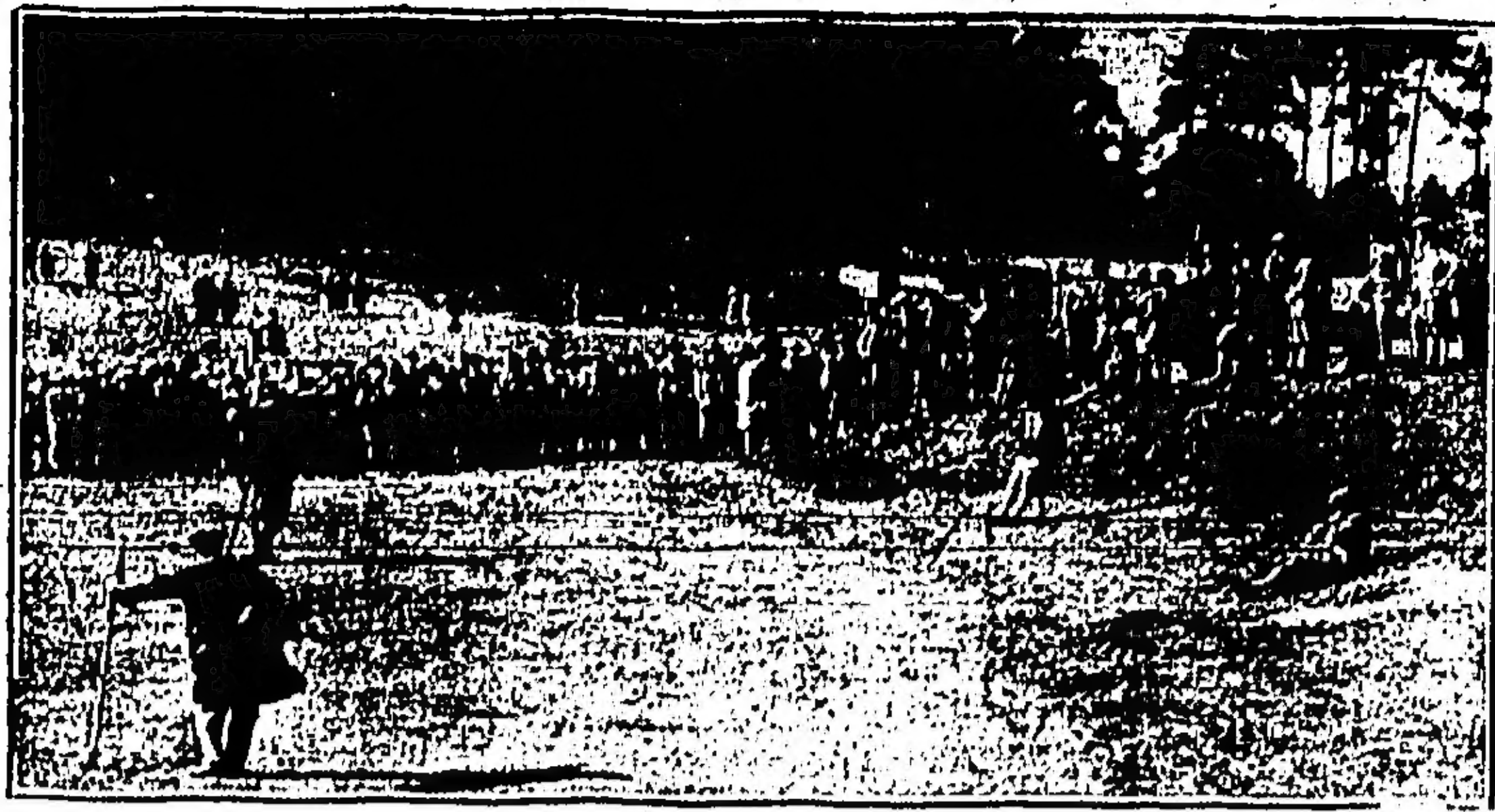


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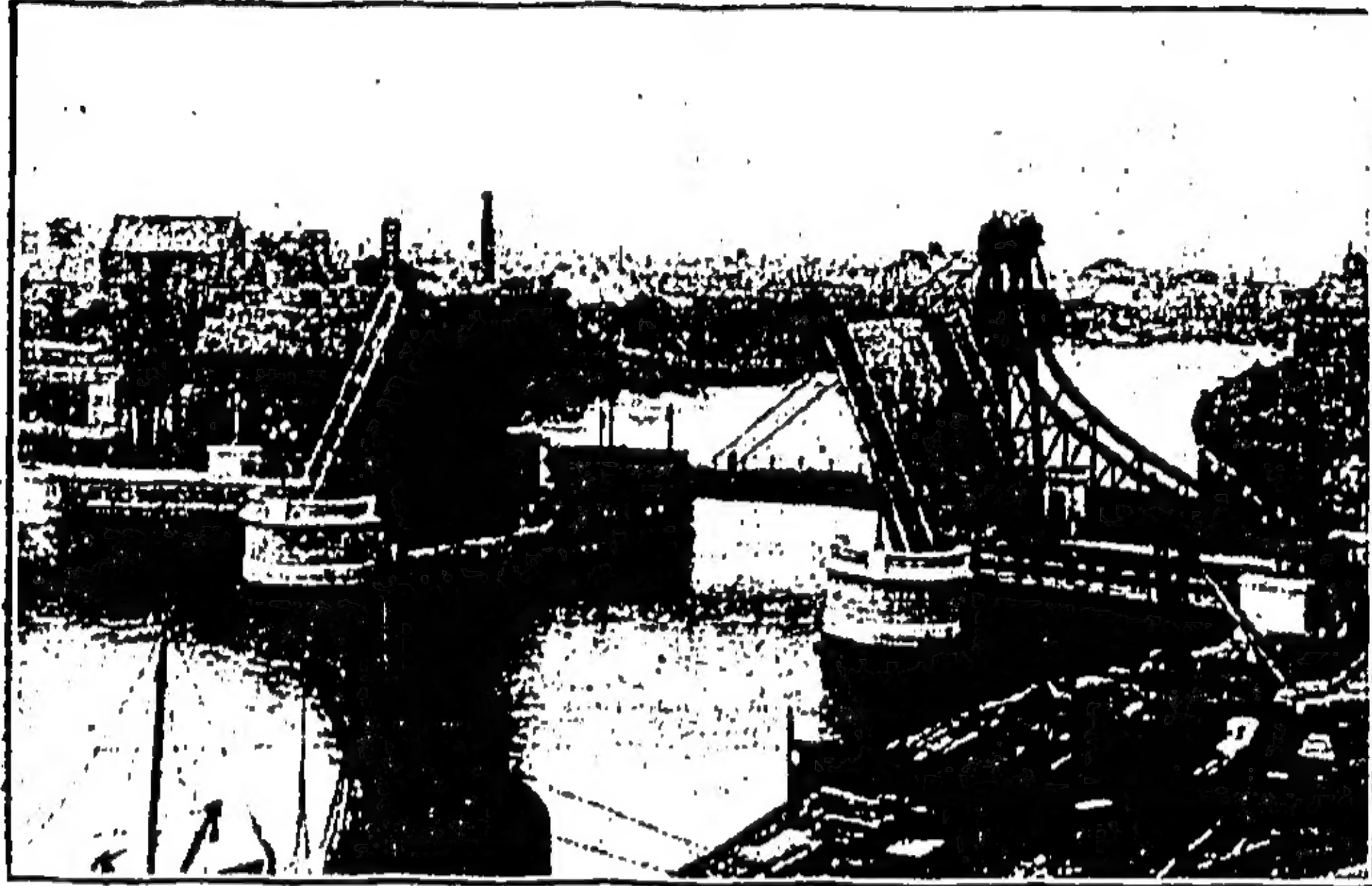
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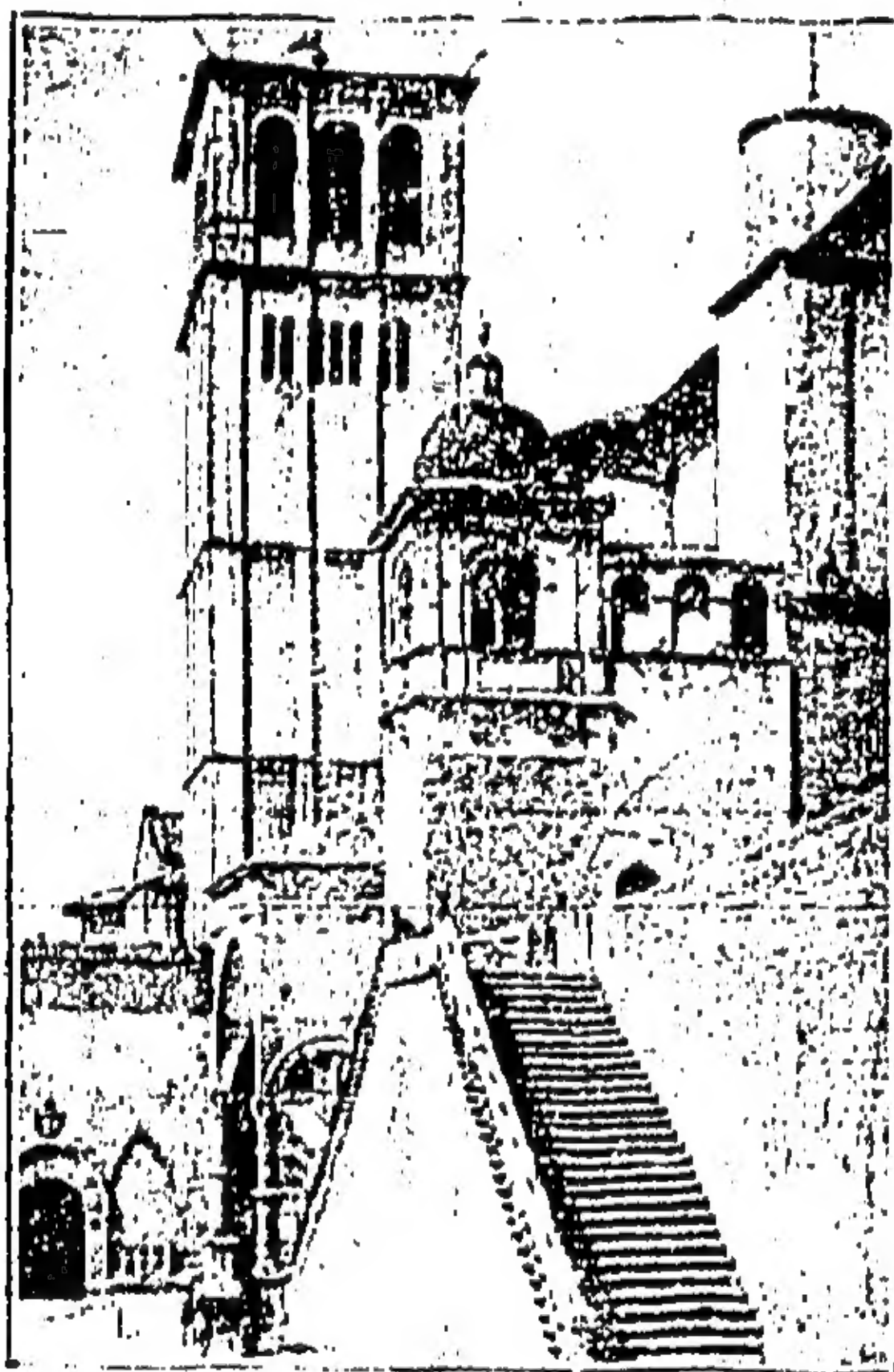




Major C. Q. Hezlet putting on the 12th green at Worplesdon in the final round of the Mixed Fouromes. He and his partner, Miss Molly Gourlay, beat Miss Diana Esmond and Mr. Roger Wethered by 5 and 4, and so won the event for the second year in succession. (Times copyright.)



A photograph of the new bridge over the River Yare, which was opened by H. R. H. The Prince of Wales. (Times copyright.)



Giotto's Campanile and the entrance to the Lower Church of St. Francis at Assisi, where the wedding of King Boris and Princess Giovanna was solemnized on October 25. (Times copyright.)



Miss Peggy Duncan, who is nineteen years of age and the latest swimmer of the Channel. She thought little of the feat, but was disappointed at her failure to improve on Miss Ederle's time.



H. R. H. The Prince of Wales visited Great Yarmouth and opened the new bridge over the River Yare. Our picture shows girls preparing and packing herrings at Yarmouth. At the present time work is being found for over 3,000 girls on the quays, a large number of who come South for the herring season from Scottish ports. (Times copyright.)



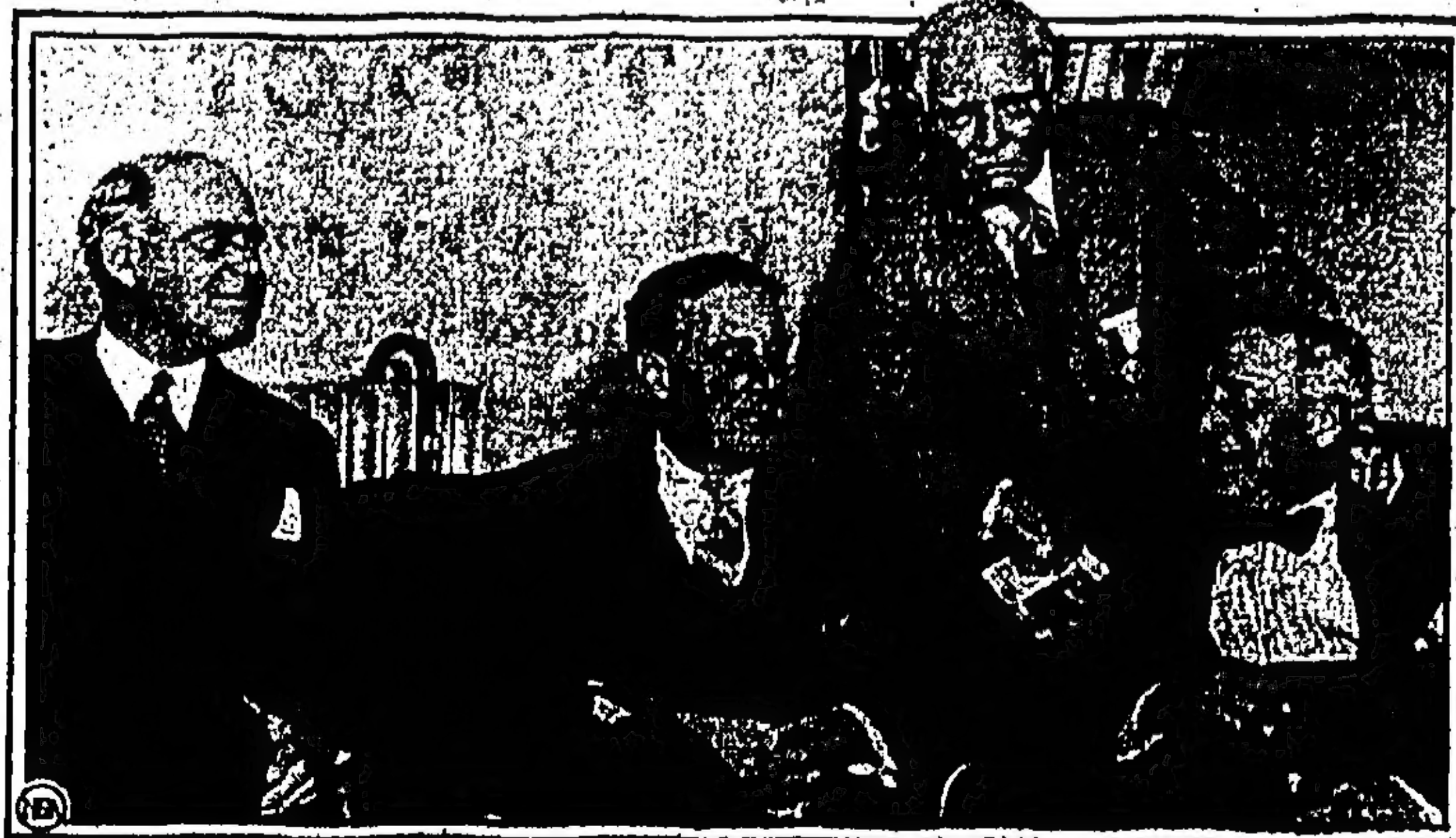
Police at Los Angeles were recently asked to assist in a search for Mrs. Noah Beery, the wife of the famous film actor. Our photo shows Mr. and Mrs. Beery on the veranda of their home in Hollywood.



Lady members who formed a part of the attendance at the official opening of the Greyhound Racing Club's Breeding Establishment in Shanghai, when the club was "At Home."



The fad for novel bench companions is spreading in the United States. Above Miss Lillian Hardaker is shown with a pet monkey. Others are reported to be content with more males.



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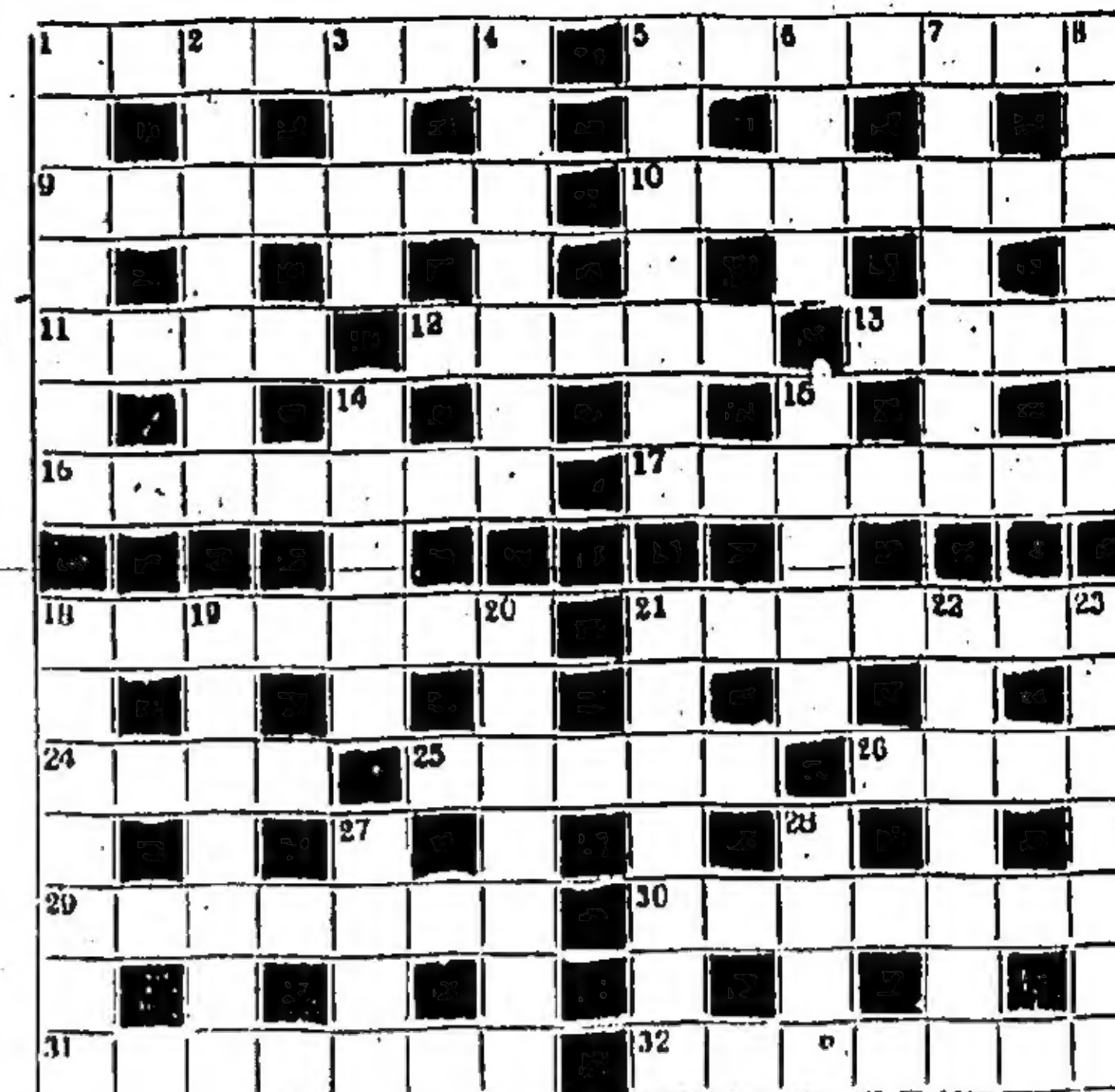
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**CINEMA NOTES.****NOVARRO WINS PLAUDITS**  
**IN TALKING DEBUT.**The opening of "Devil-May-Care" at the  
Queen's Theatre was a full-time  
event. Hundreds of Ramon Novarro  
fans were present, all frankly en-  
thusiastic to their favourite's excursion  
into the singing and of talking pictures.They came away last night well  
entertained and with the star more  
firmly entrenched in their affections  
than ever. For the handsome Latin  
proved that he has an exceedingly  
easy, smooth and well-trained opera-  
tional voice. Certainly this critic  
would say that as a "great lover" of  
the screen his technique is admirably  
amplified by his rendition of such  
really extraordinary love ballads as  
"Charming" and "The Shepherd's  
Sonnet." However, his captivation  
for putting over a song does not sit  
with romances. "The March of the  
Old Guard" is a martial tune of  
Napoleonic origin, sung with vigour  
and strength. "Bon Jour, Louise,"  
however, is a comedy creation which  
Novarro sings with great comic feel-  
ing.Besides Novarro, two other mem-  
bers of the cast sing in the picture.  
Marion Harris as the Countess, while  
proving herself an excellent dramatic  
actress, has a "blues" number titled  
"If He Cared," which is one of the  
high spots of the picture. Dorothy  
Jordan, the petite little miss fromrudest comedy, is heard in duets  
with Ramon Novarro which offer ex-  
cellent opportunities for her piquant  
voice."Devil-May-Care" was adapted by  
Richard Schayer, Hans Kravay and  
Zaida Stone from a French play titled  
"The Battle of the Ladies." It deals  
with the escape of a Bonapartist  
lieutenant from a firing squad of  
Royalists, his hiding in the disguise  
of a footman and his love affair with  
a charming lady while to outward ap-  
pearances the devil-may-care young  
man is one of the lower classes.**"Second Wife."**Who was right? Should a husband  
leave his second wife during the most  
trying period of her life—even to see  
his first wife's dying son?Should a second wife ask her hus-  
band to remain with her—or urge him  
to go to his sick boy?These interesting problems will be  
open to discussion when Radio Pic-  
tures' "Second Wife" comes to the  
Central Theatre to-day.Conrad Nagel, playing the male  
lead, is placed in a trying position.  
With the child of his first wife dying  
in Switzerland and his second wife  
about to become a mother, it is diffi-  
cult to tell what course the worried  
husband should take.Hugh Huntley, who played the part  
of the "other man" in the New York  
stage production and carries the same  
role in the talking picture, declares  
he never appeared in a play that  
caused as much "looby" argument as  
"Second Wife."**ALLEGED AGITATORS**  
**IN COURT.****YOUNG MAN SENTENCED FOR**  
**ASSAULT ON POLICE.**The case against a young  
Chinese man and two women who  
are charged with participating in  
a Chinese meeting at Happy Valley  
on Sunday without a permit was  
again before Mr. Lindell this  
morning. Mr. F. X. D'Almeida,  
Jr., appeared for the elder of the  
two women.Further evidence was given by  
district watchmen of the young  
woman defendant being seen to  
address a crowd of workers from  
the Nanyang Brothers tobacco  
factory, urging them to go on  
strike and follow her to the works  
for the purpose of forming a  
cordon around the premises to  
force the management to accede to  
their demands.After hearing the evidence, his  
Worship expressed his doubts as  
to the applicability of the charge  
of riotous and disorderly be-  
haviour against the young woman  
defendant. The point that she  
might have been an agitator, he  
said, did not bring her before the**OUR BRITISH CROSSWORDS.****Across**

- 1 To go for a voyage will give  
"me a rest" (anag.).
- 5 A dog with a right tail.
- 6 A good one is the aim of every  
batsman.
- 10 Lies in wait for the wrongdoer.
- 11 May be seen in any lane, and—
- 12 You may be instructed that it is  
most of this.
- 13 This holds grain, cement—and  
soil.
- 16 Give—now.
- 17 This pugna will warn a fowl.
- 18 Small pieces of split wood.
- 21 This piece of furniture has great  
power.
- 24 Describes the man whom every-  
one tries to avoid.
- 25 The small ones come after mid-  
night.
- 26 Really a capital letter.
- 30 Because one gets down here,  
don't think this is the last clue.
- 31 Here a flower is in Oriental  
surroundings.
- 32 Rum lane expresses a number.

**Down**

- 1 This bivalve holds a call for all.
- 2 Not quite sober—when given a  
penny.
- 3 The major-domo announced a  
real novelty next (hidden).
- 4 Something must be taken down  
before one can this.
- 5 Often described in the position  
of a great surveyor.
- 6 This is identical.

- 7 Here Mr. Pickwick found himself  
in the wrong bed-room.
- 8 This hangs.
- 14 A gift of these is not necessarily  
a mark of goodwill.
- 15 This one always has a dark look.
- 18 A subaltern and an acid fruit  
will inspire awe.
- 19 "Lori lori" (anag.).
- 20 Might describe the appearance  
of little Henry when he had the  
numps.
- 21 When this goes up the lights go  
down.
- 22 Not yet.
- 23 The frame of a table.
- 27 There's a merry time on to-night.  
Drop in early (hidden).
- 28 This must be screened at great  
cost.

**Yesterday's Solution.**

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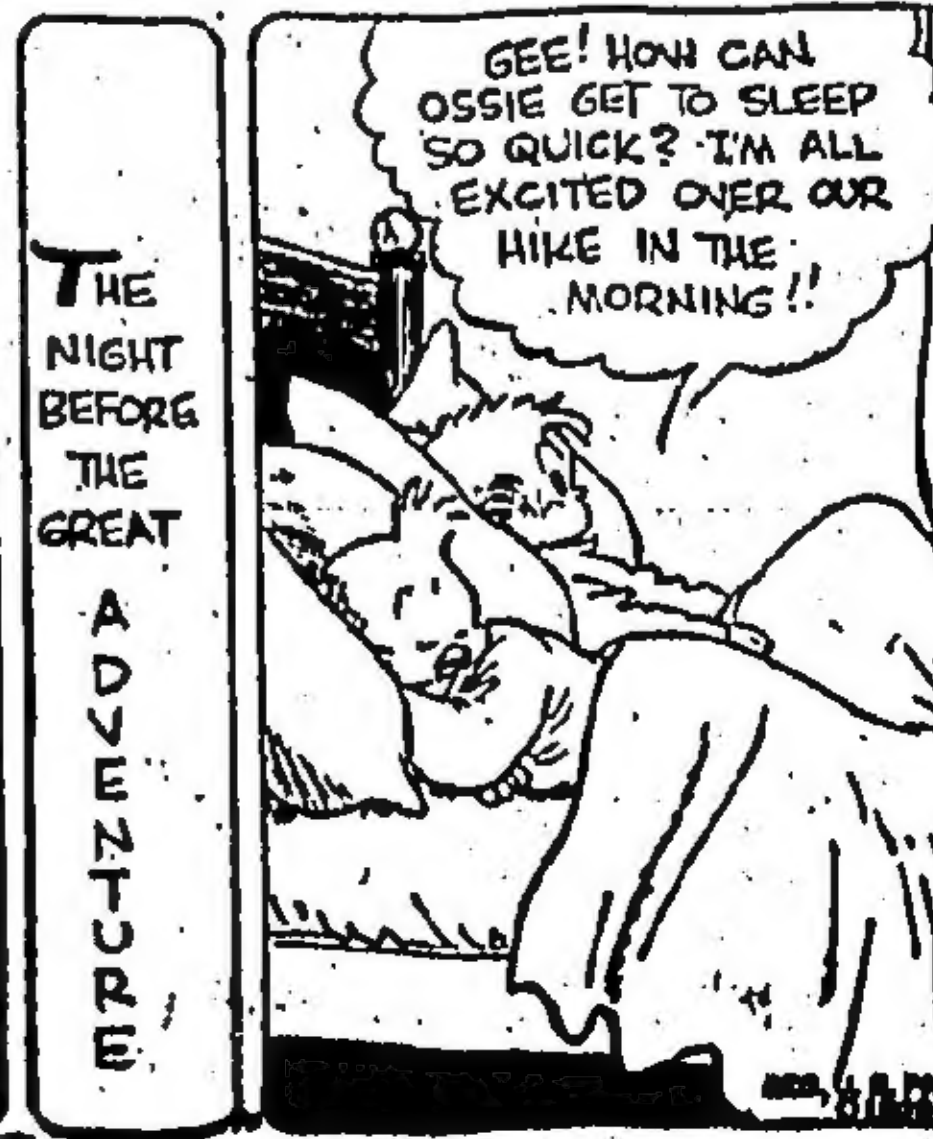
**OUTSIDE HARBOUR**  
**LIMITS.****MOTOR-BOAT COXSWAINS**  
**NOMINALLY FINED.**The coxswains of five motor-  
boats were each fined \$1 at thelaw on that charge. She did no  
more than address the crowd  
before she was arrested.His Worship sentenced the man  
defendant to four months' hard  
labour on a charge of assaulting  
the police.The case against the two other  
accused was again adjourned until  
Friday.Marine Court this morning for  
leaving the harbour limits with-  
out a clearance. Evidence show-  
ed that the defendants went out in  
their boats to the S.S. Chengtu  
when she was anchored outside  
the harbour limits.Mr. A. E. Hall, for the defence,  
contended that the offence was  
only a technical one. The Ordinance  
was meant to prevent vessels  
from leaving the Colony without  
a clearance, and in this case the  
defendants merely went out to  
meet passengers, and it was un-  
fortunate that the vessel was  
anchored outside the harbour  
limits.The Magistrate (Hon. Cmdr.  
Hole) agreed that it was purely a  
technical offence, but said the  
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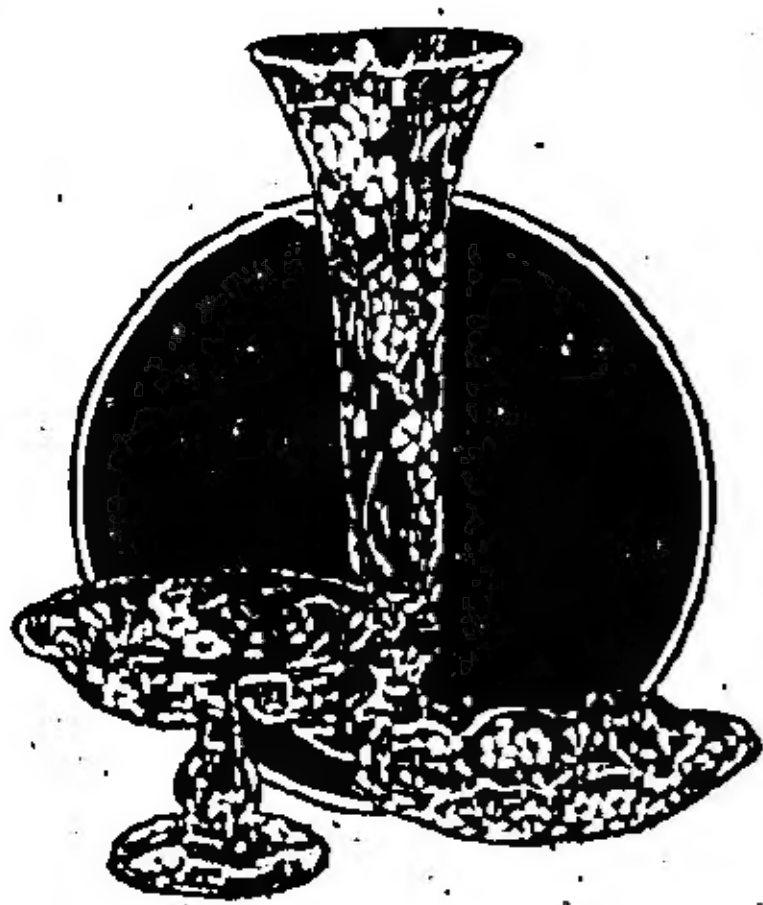
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## DEATH.

Van DORSSER. On Sunday, November 16th, at his home, 8, Alburgh Hall, May Road, Cornelis Willem Otto van Dorsser, Manager of the Netherlands Harbour Works Company.

## The Hongkong Telegraph.

TUESDAY, NOV. 18, 1930.

## THE WHEAT PROBLEM.

In commenting yesterday upon the wheat quota system, which has apparently made a favourable impression on the British Government and the overseas delegates to the Imperial Government, we suggested that it was scarcely the type of project to which we should expect Labour to commit itself. We had in mind the point that the Government has been at particular pains to oppose Protection for the reason that it would put up food prices at home, and the further point that this is precisely what may happen if the wheat quota system is adopted. The system, it may be noted, is just as keenly approved by the Conservatives as it is by the Dominion Premiers; indeed, Mr. Baldwin definitely committed himself to it in his recent statement of policy.

When we come to analyse the system as it would operate as between the Mother Country and the Dominions, there would appear to be every ground for thinking that it would result in higher bread prices in the Old Country. In this connexion, it has been pointed out that England produces only about 18 per cent. of her annual wheat consumption, and has to import the rest, and during recent years more wheat has come from foreign sources than from the Dominions. In 1929, for example, only 31 per cent. of the total supply came from Empire sources, while approximately 50 per cent. came from foreign countries. This large extra-Imperial import occurred because it was cheaper and of equally good quality. So that under existing conditions, an increased import of Empire wheat can only be effected by paying a higher price to the Canadian and Australian farmers. This increase would inevitably be passed on to the consumer in the form of higher bread prices. In other words, a wheat quota system must mean that cheap wheat is to be excluded in favour of a costly system of guaranteed home prices and Imperial preferences. Economic considerations come in here. As one writer has asked, seeing that England has to import about 80 per cent. of its wheat, is it worth while to foster an unimportant and uneconomic

production for the sake of one or two million tons more per annum at an increased cost? The fact would appear to be that wheat-growing in the Old Country is, in the main, a waste of energy, and that far better results could be obtained by concentrating on other branches of agriculture which are not in need of artificial stimuli such as subsidies, quotas or import boards. Farmers are paying very little attention to wheat production, as is shown by the fact that its area is declining rapidly and its annual value even more so. This fact should be contrasted with the other that the value of other agricultural produce is being steadily maintained in the region of £230,000,000 as compared with about £12,000,000 for wheat crops.

According to one commentator, British agriculture will prosper if it faces the stark reality that it is better and cheaper for England to rely upon imported wheat. British farmers have, on the other hand, a wonderful market at their very doors for products of which England is importing too much from Continental countries—fresh meat, eggs, poultry, pigs, milk, butter, cheese, vegetables and fruit. These are products on which it would undoubtedly be profitable to concentrate. The market is huge and near at hand, and in any well-devised organisation there would be a place for the small as well as the large farmer. Modern methods, competent management and extensive production would reap their due rewards and in course of time find profitable employment for capital and labour alike.

## The House of Detention.

The very vagueness of the statement made by the Canadian vagrant who appeared in the Police Court yesterday, that he attempted to get away from the Colony because he feared the punishment likely to attend his late arrival at the House of Detention, is likely to create some uneasiness in the public mind regarding the conduct of the House, which we trust can be easily dispelled. It is a matter for regret that he was not more specific, though it is probable that no real aspersions were intended, the man merely fearing a charge similar to that on which he subsequently appeared. Nevertheless, it would seem desirable that doubts on this score should be removed, for while the majority of the individuals who find their way to the House of Detention are worthy of very little sympathy, there must be among them numerous cases of genuine hardship, men who have been brought to their position by no fault of their own, and whose plight is miserable enough in all conscience without the addition of the trials of a too stern discipline. That there must be disciplinary measures of some sort is not likely to be questioned, but when the only "crime" of an inmate is that of poverty, care should be exercised that the demands made upon him are not onerous. There was a scandal over the management of the House of Detention some nine or ten years ago. Some of the accusations made at that time were not without justification. It is very much to be hoped that any suggestion, or fear, that malpractices have again crept in can be readily refuted.

## EUROPEANS IN MOTOR MISHAP.

## SCHOOLMASTER AND WIFE THROWN FROM CAR.

What might easily have been a serious accident occurred in the Wan-chai district yesterday afternoon when Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Hamilton had a rather unpleasant experience as Mr. Hamilton was driving his car along Hennessy Road.

When reaching the junction of Hennessy Road and Fleming Street, a motor van belonging to the Imports and Exports Department suddenly emerged from around the corner out of Fleming Road, causing Mr. Hamilton suddenly to swerve to the right to avoid a collision.

So sudden was the swerve that Mr. Hamilton's car, No. 2431, turned over on the side and threw the owner and his wife into the roadway. Both received minor injuries, but the car was extensively damaged.

## DAY BY DAY

IF GOOD PEOPLE WOULD BUT MAKE THEIR GOODNESS AGREEABLE, AND SMILE INSTEAD OF FROWNING IN THEIR VIRTUE, HOW MANY WOULD THEY WIN TO THE GOOD CAUSE.—Archbishop Usher.

The P. and O. s.s. Malwa, from Hongkong, arrived at London on the 14th November at 11 a.m.

Members of the Volunteer Defence Corps are notified that, until further notice, Corps Orders will be issued on every Thursday instead of Friday during the period of Camp, commencing from 20th instant.

Following a fall from the first floor verandah of 295, Hennessy Road, whilst hanging out clothing, a Chinese woman named Fung Yuk (G) was removed to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from injuries received.

The health return for last week shows two cases of diphtheria (one death), one of which was imported; two cases of enteric fever (one death); and one fatal case of influenza. Yesterday, two cases of typhoid were notified.

A young Chinese who was arrested at 25, Tai Yuen Street in possession of 3.8 lbs. of prepared opium and 6.5 lbs. of raw opium was ordered by Mr. Lindsell, at the Central Magistracy this morning, to receive ten strokes of the cane.

At the Kowloon Magistracy today, three Chinese were fined \$50, or, in default, one month's imprisonment, for having stowed away on the Dutch steamer Tjimon, which arrived here from Sumatra. The men had no money in their possession when discovered.

The annual display of the Hongkong Fire Brigade takes place in the Police Compound at 3 p.m. tomorrow. Members of the public who may be interested will be welcome. After the display there will be the presentation of life-saving certificates and medals.

## CANTON-HONGKONG TELEPHONE.

## TO BE IN OPERATION NEXT YEAR.

The underground cable for the Canton-Hongkong long-distance telephone line has been shipped from England some weeks ago and is expected to arrive in Canton in the not distant future. The route has already been surveyed, but to ensure that everything will be in order it is the intention of the company constructing this line to conduct another survey preparatory to laying the cable, and for this purpose an engineer of the company is on his way to Canton to superintend the work.

The telephone cable will be laid alongside the Canton-Kowloon Railway track, negotiations with the railway authorities having been satisfactorily concluded to enable this to be done.

Both in Canton as well as in Hongkong preparations have been made for the connections between the long-distance line and the respective local telephone exchanges so that it only needs the cable to be in position for telephonic conversation to be possible.

Residents of Canton will be interested to learn that by September 1931 they will be able to converse with friends in Hongkong at very reasonable cost.—Canton Gazette.

EVELYN WAUGH describes

## ONE WAY TO IMMORTALITY.

I WENT to luncheon not long ago with some people who make it their hobby to collect prominent people as their guests.

I was asked, at the last moment, to fill a gap in the table, and as I looked round the room and encountered there after face made famous by caricaturists and Press photographers, I was overawed by this by my introductions; for the others their name alone was necessary; I had to be explained. "This is Mr. Waugh. He writes for *The Daily Mail*." I stood in the corner very shy and oppressed.

There was one "celebrity," however, whom I could not identify. His sombre clothes and unobtrusive manner made it clear that he was very distinguished. His eyes, too, which "celebrities" acquire after a week or two in London.

He sat opposite me at luncheon, and the woman next to him was clearly having the same difficulty as I. In those blissful moments when my two neighbours were talking away from me and I found myself isolated from the conversation, I was amused to watch her efforts to "place" him. She tried him on politics, literature, art, archaeology, diplomacy, law, science.

Each time he eyed her furtively and expressed complete ignorance of the subject.

At last, exhausted but undefeated, she said, "But surely you do something?" "Why yes," he replied; "I keep a diary."

What they look like and what they say. A sudden self-consciousness descended on the party. Everyone began searching his memory. What had he been saying? Was it anything indiscreet or, still worse, anything silly? The women began brooding about their hair. We all felt ourselves face to face with posterity. Eventually, perhaps, under modern unrefined conditions, quite soon, during our lifetimes, this dangerous little man would publish his vile journal. We could imagine it. Four or five volumes.

I could imagine how each of us, with trembling fingers, would turn to the index. Were we mentioned? And whether we were there or not, it would be equally humiliating. Those of the party whose attainments or ambitions led them to expect lasting fame began, I could see, to imagine their future biographers dipping into this man's diary for racy, contemporary reporting. A cold wind seemed to have breathed over all of us. The party was a failure.

I wonder how many people, apart from schoolgirls, are in the habit of keeping a diary. From time to time I purchase a thick notebook and record a few pages of my daily life, but I have a deep-rooted feeling that it is a mischievous and degrading habit to write anything which will not bring in an im-

mediate pecuniary reward, so that the journal invariably languishes and dies in a week or two. But for people who are less mercenary and more ambitious than I am it seems a very simple way of securing importance and immortality.

Mr. J. C. Squire once wrote a delightful story about a man who earned a C.B. by pretending to keep a diary. He went out to political receptions and was continually flattered by Cabinet Ministers, who wished to hand down to history their own version of the purity of their motives. At his death the row of bound volumes which had attracted so much curiosity was found to be empty.

But it is not necessary to be in touch with famous people in order to write a valuable diary. I still think that the funniest book in the world is Grossmith's "Diary of a Nobody." If only people would really keep journals like that. Nobody wants to read other people's reflections on life and religion and politics, but the routine of their day, properly recorded, is always interesting, and will become more so as conditions change with the years.

All over the country there are people who secretly nurse literary ambitions. Half the young women I know are engaged in writing novels; the other half write articles for magazines, few of which are ever published. Amateurs will embark on dramas in blank verse, epics, sex-novels, historical romances, treatises on philosophy and heaven knows what.

Why won't they keep diaries instead? There is no one in the country whose life, properly recorded, would not make a thrilling book. The routine of life in an office or factory, with its various squabbles and jokes and occasional tragedy; the life of an English village with the conversation of the Rectory and the Manor and the pub, the intrigues of the Women's Institute and the Mothers' Union; the life of a commercial traveller with the continual change of company and scene; a hospital nurse with the succession of patients all encountered in a relationship which makes for immediate intimacy; a governess watching children develop; a farmer whose whole livelihood depends on observance of nature.

## Men Who Hate Civilisation.

THE world is full of pessimistic pamphleteers against civilisation, writes Mr. William J. Makin in Chambers's Journal. These pamphleteers, however, rarely possess the courage of their convictions. They will revel in the luxuries of the age, while decrying its decadence. Like Mr. Anatole France, they will be comfortable in slippers and dressing-gown, and, before switching off the electric light, will conclude their outline of history with a picture of the last man huddling for warmth in another ice age at the bottom of a pit.

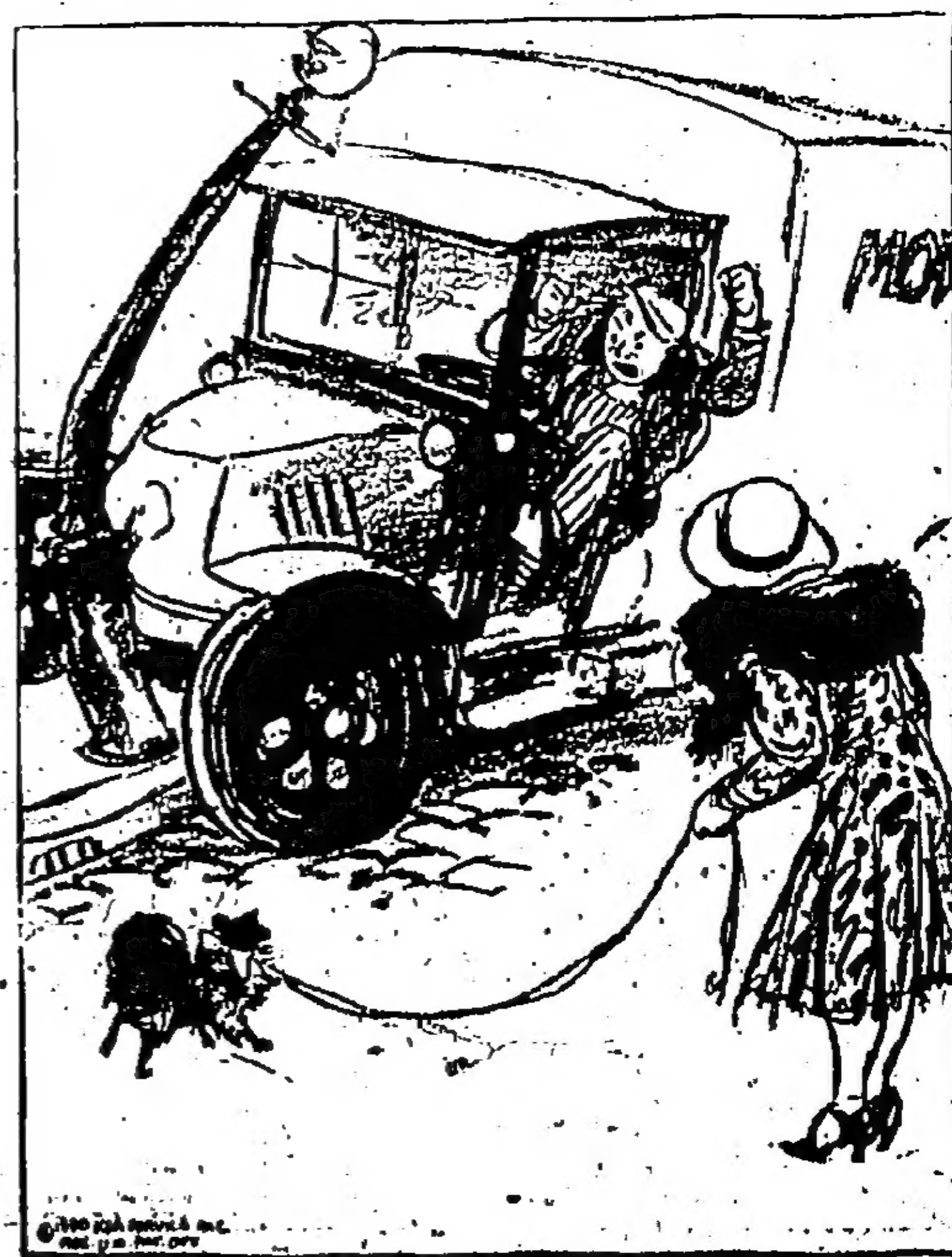
Contentment for civilisation is, too often, only expressed in art. Sentimental about the world, however, are a few choice spirits who express their contempt in lonely exile. Perhaps the most dramatic example was Gogol, the French painter, who began life as a business man and ended as a leper in the South Seas. His life provided Mr. Somerset Maugham with the finest of his novels—"The Moon and Sixpence." These revolts have had to sink farther and farther into bush and jungle to escape civilisation. The advance sign of the empty petrol tin is now to be found in the sands of the desert.

Africa has provided a sanctuary to many of these men who hate civilisation. Some of them, one must admit, are merely refugees from scandal; others are white men who have retrogressed to the level of life in the bush and "gone native." It is fatally easy in Africa to slip into native ways and habits, much easier than fighting against climate and environment for that myth we call civilisation.

I recall an occasion when, having crossed the Kalahari, our expedition was approaching the western edge of this sea of sand and scrub. We suddenly came across a lonely mud-and-krass house, around which swarmed Bushmen and a few cows. A white man, dressed in the meticulous style of a Victorian gentleman, came out of this hut to meet us. His long grey locks fell across a Dickensian type of collar, but his cravat was tied with care. The extraordinary excitement that our appearance must have caused him was hidden behind a courteous and restrained greeting.

He was ready enough to give us directions as to our route, but curbed a curiosity regarding himself. "You seem to be very curious and inquisitive," he said to one of our party, who asked him why he lived in such a lonely and forsaken spot. We did, however, discover that he had once been a

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"But I'm sure Fluffy didn't mean to frighten you so."



## NEXT GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

(Continued from Page 1.)

to train them and the freedom to establish military institutions.

## British Troops.

"As far as your army is concerned," he said, "by all means keep it in the hands of the Viceroy. We on our part are willing to provide the funds and to agree to statutory charges in respect of the army."

He repudiated the suggestion that no British officer would willingly serve under an Indian fellow-subject. "There should be no feeling of superiority or inferiority, otherwise India will never be contented," (Cheers).

## Hastiness Unnecessary.

The Maharajah of Bikaner said the ultimate attainment of Dominion Status was inherent in the declaration of policy of 1917 and had more recently received authoritative endorsement.

Let them aim at that, fully realising that their sister States in the Commonwealth did not reach the end at one stride and that in the intervening stage Britain found that certain safeguards and guarantees were imperatively necessary for the security of the body politic and all parts thereof.

Speaking for the Indian States, he said that linked with their devotion to the Crown was an unflinching adherence to the British Commonwealth of Nations.

They of the Indian States were willing to take part in and make their contributions to the greater prosperity and contentment of India as a whole. That could best be done through a federal system of Government, composed of the States and British India.

The Indian States were already sovereign and autonomous, being linked with the Crown by treaties of perpetual alliance and friendship, and unity of interests.

British India had derived what ever measure of authority it might possess by devolution, but it would not be beyond the wealth of experience at that table to devise a means of linking those different units into a powerful Federal Administration.

## "Unitary" Objections.

He pointed out that India was a land of some diversity and expressed the opinion that a "unitary" State, with a sovereign Parliament at Delhi, to which the whole people could look for small and large things, was impossible.

"There would be no room in such a constitution for the Indian States, and moreover, such a government would soon crack under its own ponderosity."

## Young India's View.

Mr. Jayakar, putting forward the point of view of the younger generation in India, said that time was of the utmost importance, because if India got to-day what she wanted, she would be satisfied with many things which would not satisfy her six months hence.

"If you give India Dominion Status to-day," he said, "in the course of a few months, the cry of independence will die of itself. If, on the other hand, we return empty-handed it will be the surest way of raising in volume and intensity this cry of independence."

Referring to the army question, he said that Indians would listen to any safeguards suggested during the period of transition in order to make it more easy and safe for both sides.

## Minorities Issue.

As for the minorities question, it could be solved by giving opportunities of common endeavour to Indians. That feeling would be created only by giving India complete freedom in the form of Dominion Status.

Harness all the minorities together, and much of the discontent would disappear.

Young India would not insist upon impossible terms of federation but only upon such terms as most of the Indian States were at present prepared to accept.

They had no desire to interfere at all in the internal affairs of the Indian States, but were prepared to wait until they of themselves came into line with the ways of Young India. If the States would accept a Supreme Court of Justice, to which all matters in dispute between them and British India could be referred, and would voluntarily submit to its jurisdiction, the question would, in effect, be solved.

## Commercial Support.

He promised an assurance regarding British and European

## A.D.C. SUCCESS.

## "MIDDLE WATCH" AGAIN PRESENTED.

While not attended as well as it deserved, "The Middle Watch" repeated last night by the A.D.C. delighted the audience and demonstrated the high ability of our local amateur players. One thing that added much to the success of the play was the excellent and realistic scenery and the ease with which the actors played their parts, there being no over-dramatising. This is a comedy, but it was done last night to a nicety.

To pick out from among the players those who deserve special mention is not easy—they all deserved it, but the outstanding ones were undoubtedly, Rupert Foster as the Admiral, George Hale as Commander Baddeley, and Gerald Bennett as Captain Maitland, while Oscar Eager as Private Ogg and Robert Charles as Corporal Duckett kept the house in roars of laughter. Among the ladies it is more difficult than ever to choose, although Fay Grossman as Mary Carlton, the American widow, who "puts it all over" the Admiral and solves a difficult problem for the officers of the ship, was without question the outstanding player. Helen Prior as Charlotte Hopkinson, who starts the ball rolling and puts the finishing touches on the compromising situations in which almost everyone found themselves, played her part excellently.

From first to last "The Middle Watch" proved an excellent play excellently played, for everyone who took part in it did so with an obvious interest in its success.

## SPANISH STRIKES.

## BARCELONA MOVES IN THE MADRID FOOTSTEPS.

Madrid, Nov. 17. While the situation in the capital is much easier, it is learned that a general strike has been called at Barcelona in sympathy with the movement in Madrid. *Reuter.* Madrid is now normal. Shops have reopened and the workers have resumed.

The General Strike at Barcelona is intended to force the authorities to recognise the Sindicatos Unicos, which was suppressed during the Dictatorship as Communist. *Reuter.*

commercial interests and pointed out that a contented community was a much better customer than a discontented one. He contended that the main interest of Britain in India was commerce, and said consuming power of 330 million people was a powerful asset in their hands. Even from the point of view simply of material interests and apart from moral forces such as friendliness and comradeship, absolute Dominion Freedom should be given to India in order that Britain's trade might prosper.

## Federal Relations.

The Business Committee of Conference decided this evening to recommend that when the general discussion finished the conference should set up a Federal Relations Committee. A resolution to this effect will be submitted to-morrow.

As a result of the decisions reached at to-day's meeting, Lord Sankey was asked to accept the position of Deputy President of the Conference, and a panel of six chairmen of the conference was set up, embracing Lord Reading, Lord Peel, the Maharajah of Bikaner, the Nawab of Bhopal, the Aga Khan and Mr. Sastri.

It was agreed that the general discussion now proceeding should extend over the morning of three days, and that the order of the speakers should be rearranged.

## Press Information.

After a discussion revealing some division of opinion, the President said the general sense was that the Press should not be admitted to the general discussion, but should have full and impartial information regarding the proceedings from three officers of the general secretariat, acting under the general control of a committee consisting of Mr. Wedgwood Benn, representing the British Delegation, Mr. Rushbrook Williams, the Indian States, and Mr. Chinaman, the British Indian delegation.

The weekly report by the Government of India on the internal situation, states it is too early yet to estimate the attitude of Indian public opinion towards the Government of India's despatch on the reforms, but whatever that attitude may be, there is no doubt that the Round Table Conference is attracting great interest in India, and is directing a good deal of public attention towards constructive methods of obtaining a solution of constitutional problems. *Reuter and British Wireless.*

## CHINA'S NEW VISION.

(Continued from Page 1.)

4th Plenary Session of the Central Executive Committee, Marshal Chiang Kai-shek makes a stirring appeal to the comrades of the Party to revive the zeal and energy which they displayed during early Revolutionary days, to rectify and reform their past blunders and finally to cultivate the spirit of selflessness.

In the course of his statement, Marshal Chiang says:—After a week of solitary reflection in my native hills, I am convinced that the key and watch-word for the conduct of all our comrades in the branch Party headquarters is "Be men of virtue," and that for all of us Central Party leaders, "Self-oblivion."

## Righteousness Needed.

It is in the lethargy and incompetence of the lower Party headquarters that the main short-coming of the Party lies. The reason why Party members not only cannot inspire respect and confidence among the people, but have instead become the object of general dislike and hatred, is to be found in the fact that most of the Party members have not learned to be good and righteous men.

Not until one has become a good and virtuous man can one be expected to shoulder and fulfil the responsibility of a Party member. In order to remedy this situation, rigid rules of conduct must be prescribed for every Party member and all the supervisory committees of the various Party headquarters must resolutely and fearlessly carry out their duties of supervision and impeachment.

## Disregard of Self.

The possession of the spirit of "self-oblivion" is, to my mind, the chief criterion as to whether a Party leader can faithfully fulfil his responsibilities. While our colleagues in the Central Government have never shrunk from labours and hardships, they are, however, reluctant to incur dislike or make enemies. Hence it is that, although they have been discharging their own duties, they have held aloof from any act likely to incur the enmity of others.

The fact that—in spite of the state of corruption into which Party affairs have degenerated, and notwithstanding the existence of such supervisory and directive organs as the supervisory committees, and the various judicial organs—not a single case of impeachment and prosecution of corrupt officials (with the exception of the ring-leaders of rebels) has so far taken place fully bears out my contention.

## Corruption Everywhere.

While the Party has been daily talking of purity in political administration, one meets everywhere with cases of corruption; while the public are being daily exhorted to abide by law and observe Party discipline, cases of violation of Party discipline and law are to be found everywhere.

Who, therefore, if not the Central Party leaders, should take upon themselves the heavy responsibility of strictly enforcing law and Party discipline?

In the second place, all of us Central Party leaders must, it seems to me, distinguish clearly between what is public and what is private. In the performance of public duties, Party leaders have generally refrained from correcting the mistakes of their colleagues. On the other hand, some Party leaders have belittled the importance of laws and ordinances and do not scrupulously observe them as it is their bounden duty to do.

## Chiang's Self-Confession.

Still others have adopted the attitude that, having rendered meritorious services in politics or military expeditions, they should be given free hand in the discharge of their duties, and that the Central Authorities should in no instance interfere with them. All these show the lack of a clear conception of public duty. Suffering as I have been from many shortcomings as well as the fact that I did not have the privilege of joining the Party at an early stage, I have myself in the past not infrequently asserted my own views and opinions to the detriment of the public. No one realizes more than I do my own shortcomings and blunders. What I mention above is the result of a self-examination of my own past conduct and may, therefore, be looked up as an act of self-confession.

## Men of Talent Wanted.

In the third place, the most important task to-day is, on the one hand, rigid enforcement of law and discipline so that all miscreants and undesirables may be duly punished and eliminated; and on the other, to enlist the services of all men of talent so as to facilitate the completion of national reconstruction.

In the selection and employment of public servants, care should be

## MEN WHO HATE CIVILISATION.

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schoolmaster, that he had contributed articles to the "Round Table," and that he spent most of his time scribbling notes to add to a pile of manuscript hidden away in a hut. He lived chiefly on milk, supplied by the few cows. If the Bushmen were lucky enough to kill some game, he condescended to accept a little.

This exile possessed a son and a daughter. The daughter, a girl of sixteen, poked her head out of the hut at our approach, and then hurriedly hid herself. During our conversation with her father curiosity compelled her to peep from the doorway again, but once any eyes were turned in her direction she fled into the obscurity of the hut. The son, we gathered, was being like a native in a hut near by. He was almost naked, and went with the Bushmen on their hunting expeditions. He was an adept with bow and poisoned arrow as any native and could follow a spear with uncanny assurance for miles. His father regretted that all attempts to clothe the young man had failed.

We camped within a mile of this hut. In the evening a fleishy din, the sound of a tom-tom, drew us towards the hut. We found the old man, dressed in a good many of his clothes, his son, and a number of naked Bushmen, including in a wild dance round a fire. Occasionally, with a loud shriek, one of the Bushmen would fling himself into the blaze and leap forth again. It was a macabre sight for civilised eyes.

## DEATH OF MR. VAN DORSSER.

## WELL-KNOWN RESIDENT PASSES AWAY.

It is with much regret that we have to record the death of one of the leading members of the Netherlands community in Hongkong, in the person of Mr. Cornelis Willem Otto van Dorsser, who passed away on Sunday at his home in May Road.

Mr. van Dorsser was Manager of the Netherlands Harbour Works Company, and as such had taken a leading part in the construction of several important works during his long connexion with Hongkong and China, of which he may mention the successfully completed works at the harbour of Macao, and the construction of a breakwater, still in progress, at Canton.

He leaves a mourning wife, a son in Hongkong, one in Brussels and a daughter in Shanghai. The greatest sympathy is felt throughout the Dutch community for the bereaved relatives.

The funeral service took place yesterday, the greater number of Hollanders in Hongkong showing their feelings by attending the obsequies at Happy Valley, where a short but impressive ceremony was performed, the Reverend Giesse officiating. An enormous quantity of flowers covered the hearse.

On arrival at the Crematorium, the Manager of the Netherlands Trading Society, Mr. A. Stokkink, reviewed in a short address Mr. van Dorsser's life in the Colony, and spoke of the great loss his parting meant for his family and the Dutch community in general. He also thanked those present, in the name of Mrs. van Dorsser and her son, for the sympathy they had demonstrated.

exercised. Competent men should be selected by means of examination and constant investigation of work done. Fair and unbiassing rules should be enforced for the promotion or dismissal of public servants. In so far as it is not in conflict with the principles of the Party, every man in the country should be given the opportunity to serve the State.

## PEACE AT ALL COSTS.

Chang Hsueh-liang Appalled by Civil War Effects. Nanking, Nov. 17.

Chang Hsueh-liang, speaking at to-day's weekly memorial service at the Kuomintang headquarters, pleaded eloquently for peace all over China.

He said he took an active part in civil war while only nineteen, and saw people suffering from oppression by the soldiers and enduring terrible hardship. "In times of war the reckless destruction of property is appalling, and the loss of life is ignored. It is a shame to see the young blood of the nation lost in such a meaningless struggle. In civil war these sacrifices are made in the selfish interests of a few militarists."

## UNUSUAL PLEA IN MURDER TRIAL.

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skin and would allow germs of decomposition to enter the body. In addition there had been rain at about that time and damp soil would also hasten decomposition. Witness said he could not assign the cause of death, but the protruding eyes and tongue were consistent with strangulation.

## Death from Shock Possible.

Witness agreed that a shock would hasten death. If Cheung had been hit with a stone or stick sufficiently hard to cause death or serious injury, he would have found marks to indicate it. As he found the rope it would not have been possible for life to have existed for any time.

Replying to his Lordship, witness said that the rope might have been lightened after death. If that were the case the signs of strangulation would still have occurred. It was possible that he had died from shock following a series of blows.

Cross-examined by Mr. Leo D'Almada, witness agreed that if the rope had been tied loosely, the swelling of the body in the process of decomposition would have produced the effect of its being found tight. Witness said he considered it inevitable that there must have been abrasions on the body. He was not prepared to say the head was not struck, but he was prepared to say it was not struck hard enough to kill him, as evidence of such a blow would have been manifest.

Mr. D'Almada—I put it to you that, to the uninitiated, he might have been beaten and taken for dead, carried away and buried?—Yes.

His Lordship:—He might have been buried alive?—Not with that rope round his neck, but assuming that the rope was not there it is possible he was buried alive. It is, however, not probable.

## Some Possibilities.

Mr. D'Almada:—If that was so then the tongue and eyes protruding would not be due to strangulation, but to ordinary decomposition?—Yes.

If the man had been buried alive in that way, and assuming that there was a little space in the vicinity of his mouth, would he have breathed?—No, he must have been removed in a dying condition.

There, would be no chance of a slight recovery in the grave?—No.

## Son's Evidence.

Cheung Yuk-sun, son of Cheung Pak-yau and brother-in-law to the accused, said that on the morning in question, on returning from Un Loong village where he had been selling firewood, his mother made a report to him at eleven o'clock as a result of which he said to his father: "You are a man 60 years old; why should you behave indecently towards your daughter-in-law?" He replied, "Get away; never mind my affairs."

Witness said he then went to his uncle's house and a quarter of an hour later his father entered. He said "I have told you not to interfere with my affairs and why are you talking to somebody else about it?" Witness said his father then produced a knife and tried to stab him but his (witness's) uncle held him while witness escaped to the ancestral temple where he hid for two hours.

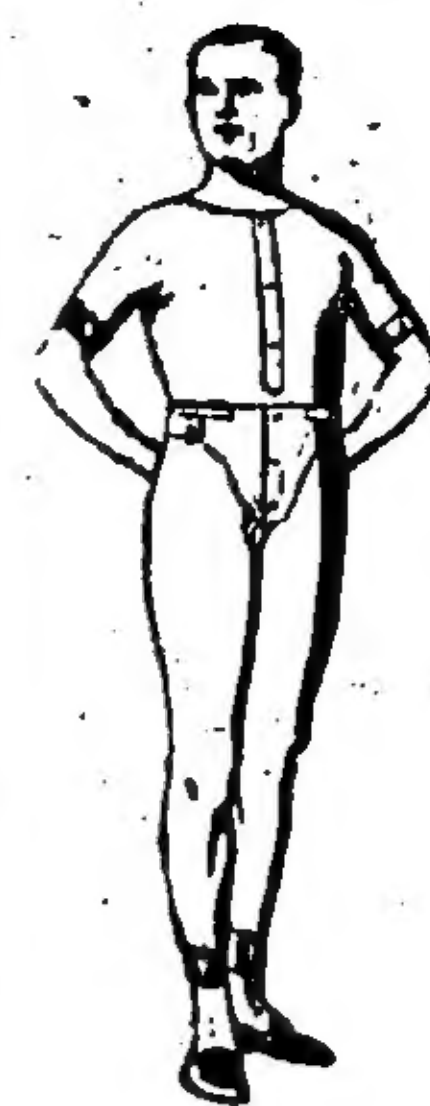
## Killing Justified.

Continuing, he said that he complained to villagers and relatives and had his evening meal in his uncle's house, but on going out afterwards found that his father had been killed by his mother and the accused.

Replying to his Lordship, witness said that his father was killed because he was a bad man. He had indecently assaulted his daughter-in-law, which showed a coward's nature. It did not occur to witness to report the incident to the police, and the claimant had never discussed sending the deceased away to another village, because his was such a fierce man and they dared not turn him out. He was satisfied as to the death of his father, as the Chinese custom was that if such an assault as that committed by his father had been done in Chinese territory, the man would have been shot by the Chinese Government. He did not ask the Hongkong Government to take any action, because he was not sufficiently clever to think of that.

Cross-examined by Mr. D'Almada, witness denied that he had made a statement to the police when he was himself charged as an accessory after the murder at Tai-po, to the effect that two clansmen interfered. He also denied that in the statement he said ten clansmen came down to the village, and his mother asked them to settle things up for her regarding the alleged assault, and that they asked her what she wanted them to do.

Subsequently witness amended this denial and said that he may have made that statement, though he could not fully recollect. The case is proceeding.



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### PING PONG LEAGUE.

#### SOUTH CHINA WIN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP.

Playing in the final of the Junior Ping Pong League, at the premises of the Chinese Catholic Club last evening, South China A.A. secured an easy win over the Hip Keung A.A., the scores being as follows:

Chung Wing-kwong beat Lam Ka-huen 5 to 0.

Wong Chiu-kwai beat Lee Ming 3 to 2.

So Pui-yip beat Wong Tung-hoi 5 to 0.

Chan Chu-yut beat Lee Koon-lun 3 to 2.

Ho Suen-wing beat Cheng Kwok-wing 4 to 1.

Ho Chee-keung beat Choi Hin-chuen 5 to 0.

The match between Lee Hon-keo and Lui Wai-hung was not played.

The above decided the Championship of the League, and the Hip Keung A.A. will not meet the Fukien A.A. for the second place.

Ladies Singles Championship.

The final match between Miss Yung Wai-lun and Miss Ko Lak-ang was not completed on Sunday evening as the score only reached two sets to one in favour of Miss Yung, last year's champion. The re-play is now scheduled to take place on Sunday evening, the 23rd inst. at the South China Ladies' Division (China Building).

### K.C.C. PRESENTATION.

#### FELLOW-MEMBERS' GIFT TO MR. H. OVERY.

Members of the Kowloon Cricket Club gathered at the club house last evening to make a presentation to Mr. Hubert Overy, who is to be married shortly. In the unavoidable absence of the President (Mr. R. E. Lindsell), Mr. Ezra Abraham (vice-president) handed to Mr. Overy Westminster chain clock, on behalf of his club members. Mr. Abraham said that all extended their best wishes to Mr. Overy, who had been a member of the committee for some years and had been captain of the cricket second eleven.

### LADIES' TENNIS.

#### ANOTHER RESULT IN THE CHAMPIONSHIP.

The third tie in the first round of the Ladies' Doubles Tennis Championship of Hongkong was decided yesterday, when Mrs. McFayish and Mrs. Cathill defeated Miss Heard and Miss B. Taylor in two straight sets, the scores being 6-1, 6-2.

### SHAMEEN FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

#### MOORHEN AND SEAMEW IN A DRAWN GAME.

Canton, Nov. 16.

H.M.S. Moorhen drew with H.M.S. Seamew yesterday afternoon in the Shameen Football League, each side securing one goal.

The play was very even during the first half, Cunningham securing one goal for the Moorhen.

On resuming, the Moorhen were pressing hard and looked like scoring on more than one occasion, but could not get through the Seamew defence. After ten minutes the game again evened up, and remained steady until the last few minutes when the Seamew had the game in the Moorhen half and made every effort to win. Cardy very narrowly missed scoring for the Seamew, putting in a stinging shot which struck the outside of the goalpost. The teams were:

H.M.S. Moorhen.—F. J. Bredder, A. J. Bates, R. F. Morgan; D. McGill, W. Lee-Murson, Lieutenant Brownrigg; R. Woods, Ah Wing, R. Tann, R. C. Munro, E. Watkins.

H. M. S. Seamew.—Lieutenant Northcott; Mencham, Friend, Spence, White, Lente; Baker, Cunningham, Neave, Cardy, Hutchins.—Our Own Correspondent.

### AT THE QUEEN'S.



Dorothy Jordan and Ramon Novarro in "Devil May Care," the all-talking-singing success now at the Queen's Theatre.

### CANTON GOLF.

#### MR. J. W. MANNING WINS THE SCHLESWIG CUP.

Canton, Nov. 17.

Mr. J. W. Manning won the Schleswig Cup yesterday over 36 holes on the Tung Shan Recreation Club's Course.

The Schleswig Cup was presented to the Tung Shan Recreation Club by the Danish community of Canton in 1920 to commemorate the reunion of North Schleswig with Denmark after the Treaty of Versailles. The Cup is played for annually over 36 holes, medal score, less full handicap.

The three best scores returned yesterday were:—J. W. Manning, 169 less 28, 141; H. Laiford, 179 less 32, 147; J. W. Platt, 171 less 24, 147.—Our Own Correspondent.

### BIG IRISH SWEEP.

#### PRIZES RIVALLING THE CALCUTTA DERBY.

London, Nov. 17.  
Optimistic expectation stopped work throughout the Irish Free State today while the draw was made at the Mansion House, Dublin, in the Free State Hospitals Sweepstakes on the Manchester November Handicap. Despite the frowns of the British Government, and the Postmaster General's stopping communications from England addressed to the organizers, the sweep's total proceeds are officially announced at £658,618, of which £400,527 will be awarded in seventy-eight prizes, including £204,764 for the first, £81,005 for the second, £40,953 for the third, and starters dividing £40,000 and non-starters £20,000. The hospitals will receive well over £100,000.—Reuter.

[It is understood that some of the tickets in the above sweep are held in Hongkong.]

### LOCAL YACHTING.

#### RESULT OF FIRST LADIES' CHAMPIONSHIP RACE.

The first Ladies' Championship race of the R. H. K. Yacht Club was sailed yesterday, the course being—Lyceum Beacon, Mark on Line, Channel Rocks, a distance of 7.7 miles. The result was as follows:

H. Class, Started 3 p.m.		
	Finished	Corrected Position
Diana	4:42.50	4:38.54 4
Colleen	4:30.27	4:30.24 1
Rolla	4:38.16	4:35.04 3
La Linda	4:34.55	4:31.14 2
I. Y. and G. Started 3.05 p.m.		
Wings	6:00.59	5:02.25 4
Bluenose	4:57.03	4:54.29 1
Neptune	4:58.44	4:56.10 2
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Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2,409, adjoining Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2,310, Duke Street, Kowloon, was sold to Messrs. Chu Chew-shong, of Bonham Road, for \$7,700. The lot has an area of approximately 8,444 square feet, the Crown rental being \$56 per year.

Bidding for Inland Lot No. 3,006, situated between Inland Lots, Nos. 2,628 and 2,712, started at \$14,000, and the property was knocked down to Mr. Mak Ying-chung, for \$21,800. Mr. Mak was also the purchaser of Inland Lot No. 3,007, which has an area of approximately 5,200 square feet. The purchase price was \$30,100, the upset figure being \$20,800.

## JAPANESE PREMIER.

### ASSAILANT IDENTIFIED AS EX-CONVICT.

Tokyo, Nov. 17.

While the police ban regarding the motive that inspired Mr. Hamaguchi's assailant to commit the deed has not yet been removed, it is now announced that the examination of the culprit shows that Sugawa is an ex-convict with two convictions for blackmail and assault against him.

At one time he was a stowaway on a ship for Singapore and at other times he was a seaman.

He has spent the last few years of his life roaming Manchuria and other parts of the east Asiatic mainland and finally joined the Aikokuha (Literary Patriotic Association) last July.—Reuter.

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5.30 p.m.  
St. Louis Blues.  
Warren (Hills and Hills Blue Serenaders. 35962.

Gems from "Whoopie."  
Victor Light Opera Co. 35969.  
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Jesse Crawford-Organist. 22320.  
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Eddie Cantor. 22189.  
A Wee Bit O' Love.  
Helen Clark-Soprano. 22020.  
Chant of the Jungle.

The Revelers-Male Voices. 22270.  
Oh Baby, What a Night.  
Billy Murray-Walter Scanlon-Duet. 22040.

Same old Moon-Same old June.  
Johnny Marvin-Comedian. 22125.  
Orchestral.

Salome's Dance (Strauss).  
Leopold Stokowski and Philadelphia Orchestra. 7259-60.  
Marche Slave (Tchaikovsky).

Philadelphia Orchestra. 5613.  
In Springtime-Overture (Goldmark).  
Chinese Symphony Orchestra. 6386.  
Dance Macabre (Saint-Saens).

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Love sends a Little Gift of Roses.  
Victor Novelty Orch. 22324.

Concert Items.  
In The Gloaming.  
Mary Gordon-Soprano. 7245.  
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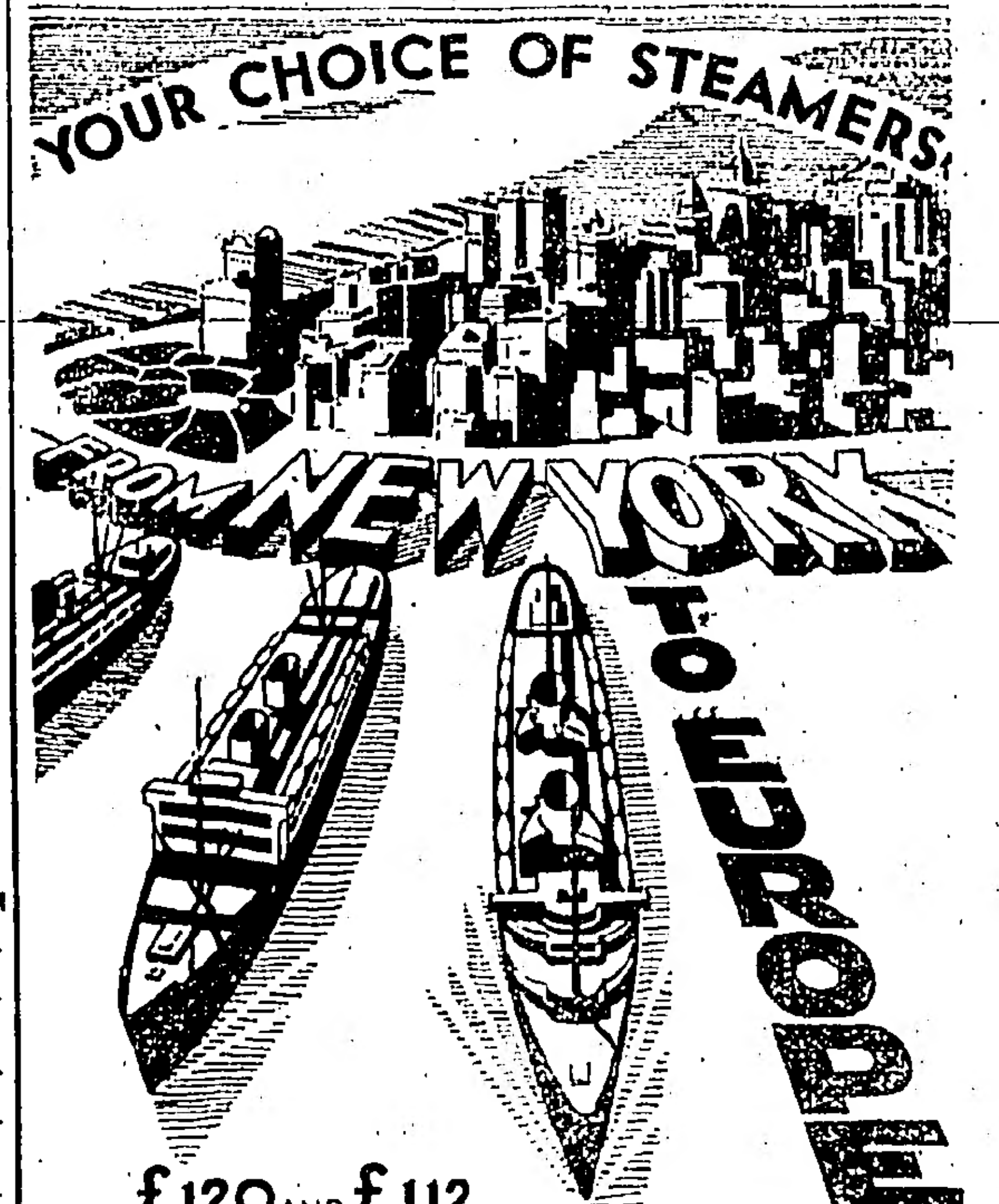
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**"GOLD RUSH" IN BRITAIN.****PROSPECTING IN EARLY DAYS.****27-OUNCE NUGGET.**

The present interest in the Dolgelly gold area brings to mind the fact that gold mining in Great Britain is by no means limited to North Wales. The Devon and Cornwall gold deposits, both reef and alluvial, were considered sufficiently remunerative to be extensively worked between the reigns of Henry III. and James I.

Numerous grants and patents exist issued during this period. In 1564 some German mining financiers were granted the monopoly to seek and recover gold in England, Wales and Ireland within the pale. This was confirmed and amplified by James I. and became the Charter of the Royal Mines Company, which existed and claimed the right to all royal, i.e., gold,

metal until the middle of the last century.

To come to more recent times. In the early part of last century gold was profitably mined by Sir Thomas Hawkins at Ludock in Cornwall. Gold bearing veins occur at Grampound; here a nugget of over 15dwts. was found.

In 1846 gold was discovered at St. Teath, and in 1852 gold bearing quartz veins were located in Helston. In most of the streams flowing south, small nuggets are not uncommon. One weighing 2oz. was found at Cannon.

**Devonshire Mines.**

The existence of gold in Devon has been known for many centuries. In the beginning of the Nineteenth Century a miner named Wellington discovered gold at Shepton, in South Devon. He sold gold to the value of over £40 to a silversmith in Plymouth; he never disclosed the location of his find, and his secret died with him.

North Molton is the principal auriferous district in Devon. Here are the Britannia and Poltmore mines, now closed down; they contained payable ore. A trial run of 20 tons yielded 26½oz. of gold. The total value of gold produced at Poltmore in 1853 was £581.

Gold has been found in Cumberland and at Claverton in Somerset. Conglomerate carrying 6 grains of gold to the ton was discovered in 1807 in the Forest of Dean in Gloucestershire.

In Wales, the main source of gold is the Dolgelly district. The Romans mined extensively here. Finds of Roman pottery, ornaments, &c., have been frequent. Old workings on a large scale exist, and the grooved stones used for crushing the quartz are found in the district. In recent times mining has been spasmodically carried on here, and from 1861-1906 gold to the value of £417,183 has been recovered.

**Sixty Per Cent. Dividend.**

The St. Davies mine had a spectacular career. It was controlled by Lord Reading's brother, the late Mr. Godfrey Isaacs of Marconi fame. The company made a net profit of £39,729 in 1900, and a dividend of 60 per cent. was paid. The shares mounted high on the Stock Exchange. However, this happy state of affairs did not last long—the reef ore shot petered out and the company ceased operations amid a good deal of recrimination.

At this time one of the greatest gold mining exports living reported on the mine and the district and the gist of his opinion was that the whole field was "patchy" and "pockety," and therefore essentially speculative. This should be borne in mind should any further development arise from the prominence the district is being given at present.

In Scotland, extensive alluvial gold deposits occurred in Leven-shire. A nugget weighing 27oz. was found in 1502. This is authentic. Although the deposit is worked out, traces of gold can still be found. In Sutherland a 1½oz. nugget was found in 1852. In 1865 gold was found at Kildonan, and in a short time some 400 prospectors were at work.

At Loch Tay a nugget weighing 2oz. was found. Alluvial gold is found in small quantities at Braemar and in the sea sand at Aberdeen.

**The Vale of Avoca.**

In Ireland gold in appreciable quantities occurred in the Vale of Avoca. In 1765 a small nugget was found. A boy fishing found another in 1795, and then came a real gold rush. The peasants flocked to the spot, and a typical gold camp appeared in a night. The Government claimed the discovery, sent militia, drove the peasants away, and operated the workings till they were destroyed by the rebels in '98. During this period the Government recovered gold to the value of £3,675. During four months in 1840 Crookford and Co. worked this deposit and recovered £1,800 worth of gold, including two nuggets, one of 11oz. and the other 4oz. 11dwts. In all it is estimated some £36,000 has been recovered from the Gold-mines River at Avoca since 1795.

The official figures for the gold recovered in Great Britain and Ireland are:

England—North Molton, Devon	£581
Wales—Merioneth, since 1844	£417,183
Scotland—Leven-shire	£100,000
Scotland—Sutherland	£3,000
Ireland	£28,000
Total	£548,764

This is certainly greatly below the actual values recovered.

**MODERN BATTLE IN MINIATURE.****EMPIRE DELEGATES IMPRESSED.****MOBILE FORTRESSES**

London, Oct. 20.

A Tank "Derby" for all weights, under handicap conditions, a gymkhana for the younger members of the Tank family, a stubbornly contested battle controlled by radio-telephony, and girder and pantoon bridging. These were the salient features of an excellently staged War Office demonstration witnessed on Saturday, at Aldershot and Camberley, by delegates to the Imperial Conference.

The progress made in placing the Army on wheels behind sheets of steel, and the inventive genius behind the mechanical and scientific devices which enable this model Army literally to "go anywhere and do anything," filled the visitors with wonder. But it was not all petrol and armour. Cavalry and infantry (thought by some who have become obsessed with the machine, to be obsolescent) were there, and played an important although inconspicuous part.

Shock action is no longer the primary role of mounted men. They are now employed on reconnaissance, scouting, flank movements, and dismounted work. There are still places where horse and foot soldiers are the most mobile troops. Those who witnessed the "fight" must have realised this.

The spectators were accommodated in a grandstand on the fringe of the Long Valley, the place of many "battles" under the old order. They were actually in the firing line where the discharge of the 3.7 howitzers operating in "close support" made the earth tremble.

**Engineering Marvels.**

It was a small scale battle in which all the component parts of the intricate and powerful machine were thrown into the light. The "enemy" was holding a strong position at Rushmore, and "held up" the cavalry and infantry skirmishers. The Light Tank went to their support, while the 18-pounders opened fire and then put down a smoke curtain to screen the advance of the Medium Tanks. The resistance was temporarily broken down and the advanced troops were able to make headway under the supporting fire of 18-pounders, 4.7 howitzers, and 3-inch mortars.

Before the fighting ceased a curtain of smoke and dust divided the non-combatants from the combatants. This served to indicate the end of the first act of the day's performance. These operations were not intended as a lesson in tactics. They were, primarily, to show the use made of the "mobile fortresses" and other quickly-moving armoured machines in combination with other arms, to demonstrate their fire power, and generally to give a picture of what a modern battle would be like.

Later there was a "march past" of unarmoured transport vehicles carrying heavy loads of military stores, and negotiating difficult country, and of armoured fighting vehicles, carriers and Dragons (tractors). A few of these machines were quite new. Their straining, wriggling advance over a zig-zag system of entrench-

ments, displaying wonderful "articulation," caused much amusement, and the drivers were applauded for their exceptional skill in handling machines with movements so surprisingly eccentric. "A marvel of engineering skill and scientific invention" was the oft-repeated phrase of the on-lookers.

Occasionally one would be introduced to an instrument of foreign origin which British engineers have improved. The Fawcett Tractor, with 18-pdr. gun, attracted considerable attention. Here the extraordinary "articulation" of which I have spoken, was especially demonstrated. This machine is used in the Italian and Spanish armies. For experimental purposes five of them were given a Battery of the 10th Brigade R.A.

**Tank "Derby" Winner.**

Another machine carried an 18-pdr. gun after the French system of "Artillerie Portee." The gun and crew were transported on a medium sixwheeler, and a trailer accommodated an agricultural tractor and ammunition. The object of this method is to carry guns long distances at high speeds without injury. At a point where it is necessary to proceed across country the gun, tractor, and ammunition are removed from the lorries, and the journey continued to the battle zone, the gun now being towed by the agricultural tractor.

To those specially interested in the evolution of the fighting vehicle the new 18-ton Tank was the piece de resistance. The features of the model are three turrets, the central one containing a 3-pdr. and a 303 Vickers gun on a new type of mounting designed to facilitate gunnery problems. The smaller turrets are equipped with two 303 machine guns so that it is possible to fire simultaneously five machine guns frontally or four machine guns and one 3-pdr.

As to speed and climbing performances Saturday's demonstration showed that this vehicle eclipses the Tank now in use.

Another important detail is that to eliminate, or at least greatly to minimise, the danger of fire and for greater safety of the crew the engine and transmission are in a separate compartment. The division from the rest of the Tank is made by a non-heat-conducting bulkhead. Another safety device is the storage of petrol in armoured compartments.

This new Tank passed through a brick wall 6in. thick and 10ft. high as though it were composed of paper. Finally, it distinguished itself by winning the "Derby." There were seven entries. The Mark V. (30 ton) Tank crawled along at four miles per hour. The Medium C (20 tons) moved at about six miles per hour. The present day tank (10 tons), with a speed of 15 miles, made great efforts to lead its rival, but the Medium and Light Tanks were all left behind by the scratch 16-tonner.

To the delegates they were all "dark horses," so that none was disposed to "financial speculation," although there were jocular offers. The Light Tanks showed their ease of movement by something approaching a gymkhana display.

At Camberley the work of bridging by the Sappers and the exhibition of scientific equipment at the Staff College were other attractive items in a heavy but interesting programme.

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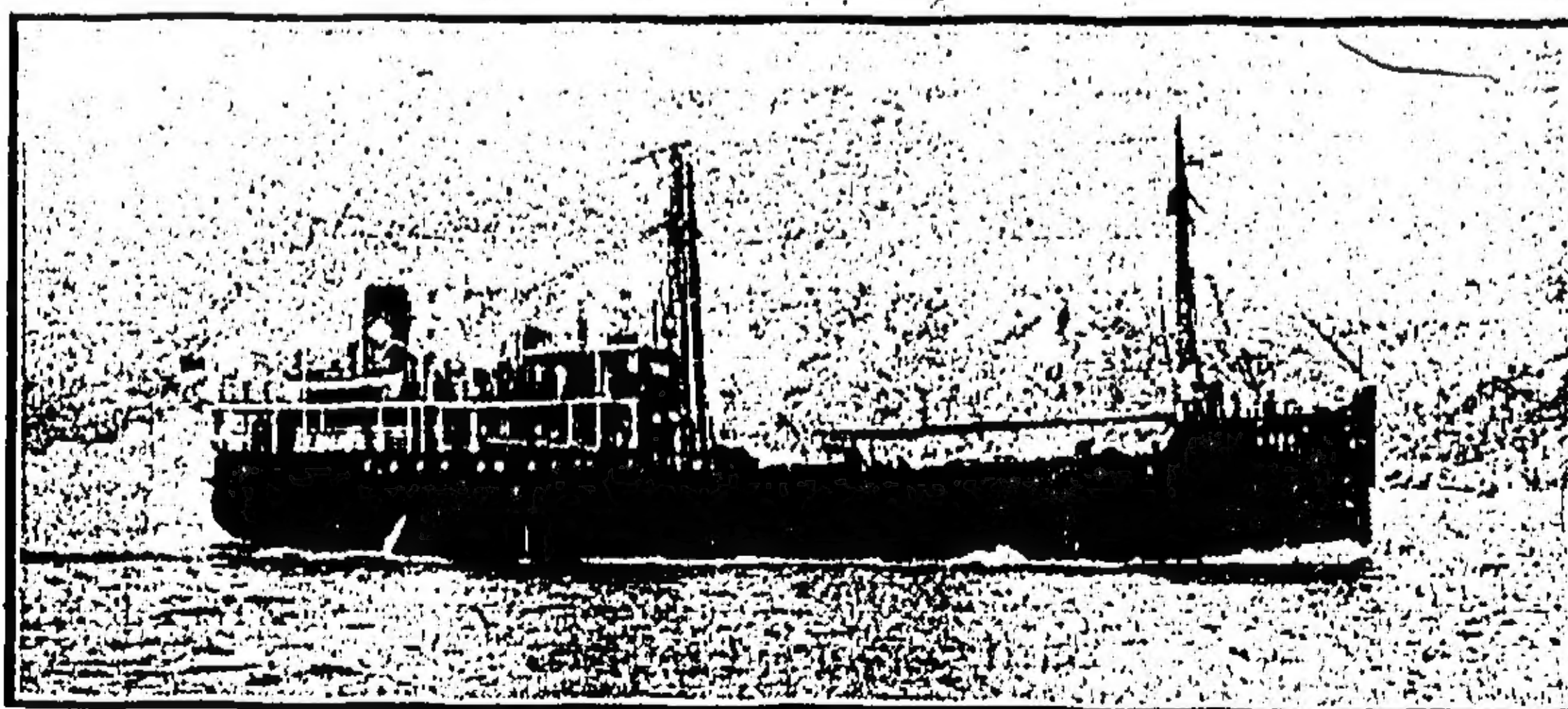
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### NO NEW WORLDS TO CONQUER.

BOBBY JONES GIVING UP  
COMPETITIVE GOLF.

### ALLURING FILM OFFER.

New York, Nov. 17. Mr. R. T. ("Bobby") Jones, the lawyer-golfer, who this year eclipsed all previous golfing records by winning the four principal world tournaments, the British Amateur and Open, the American Amateur and Open, has announced his retirement from competitive golf.

It is learned that he has signed a contract with Messrs. Warner Brothers, the film producers, to make a series of golf films of a "purely educational character." "Bobby" Jones finally succumbed to an alluring offer of a guarantee, plus a percentage of the profits of his educational pictures, estimated to yield him \$100,000 in America and \$500,000 with receipts from abroad.

He will go to Hollywood in March. In the meantime, a scenario writer is going to Atlanta, Jones's home, with a plan for the film. His retirement opens up a new vista in world golf as it is estimated that his four American and three British Open championships have cost the professionals \$50,000.

Jones issued a statement to-day in which he declared that he was not sure that he was not violating his amateur status in the spirit, if not in the letter. He emphasized, however, that he would never play golf as a professional.

Reuter's American Service.

### POPPY DAY FUND.

RECORD RESULT ACHIEVED  
IN CANTON.

Canton, Nov. 16. The total amount raised for Earl Haig's British Legion Appeal, Poppy Fund, amounts to H.K.\$2,743.15 and \$66.

Despite the much-reduced foreign population of Canton and the very bad business conditions which have been prevailing during the past year, these figures constitute a record for Canton.

Comparative figures for other years are:—1929, H.K.\$2,104.72 & \$17.7/-; 1928, H.K.\$1,607.39 & \$75.4/-; 1927, H.K.\$1,527.65.

The splendid total for 1930 was achieved as follows:—By special collection, H.K.\$1,552.22 and 266; By sale of poppies, H.K.\$1,045.93; By collection in Christ Church at Special Armistice Service, H.K.\$120; by special donation, \$25.—Our Own Correspondent.

### Hongkong Auctions.

On behalf of the British Legion, Lieut. Col. Robertson wishes to thank the following ladies, gentlemen and firms for their generous gifts sent him for auction on Armistice Day in aid of Earl Haig's Poppy Day Fund:—Mrs. Danby, Mrs. Moore and Miss Potter, Messrs. Robert Sheehan, R. E. Atwell, W. Wotherspoon and H. Spicer, Messrs. Calbeck Macgregor & Co., the British American Tobacco Co., the Sun Co., Ltd., the Wing On Co., Ltd., Gande Price & Co. and Adolph Salmon & Co. These gifts were auctioned at the Hongkong Club and Kowloon Cricket Club and brought in \$2,600. Sincere thanks are also due to those gentlemen who so kindly ran the auction at the Club mentioned.

### FINE WEATHER.

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone is central in the vicinity of Vladivostok. Fresh monsoon will prevail over the China Sea. The local forecast is:—N.E. winds, fresh; fine.

### BATCH OF TRAFFIC CASES.

EUROPEANS FINED AT THE  
POLICE COURT.

### OFFICER SUMMONED.

A number of Europeans appeared before Mr. Lindsell at the Police Court this morning, summoned for traffic offences.

A motor-cyclist, J. Segala, charged with lacking a number plate, on the front wheel, pleaded that he had already been fined at the Kowloon Court for the same offence.

As this occurred three days previously, his Worship asked Segala why the matter had not been attended to at once.

Segala replied that this was the first opportunity he had had of bringing the machine over to the garage. It was while he was on his way there that he was stopped by the Traffic Sergeant.

The Police Sergeant informed his Worship that Segala told him he was on his way to Happy Valley to play golf.

Segala, while not denying that he told the Police Sergeant this, pointed out that the Man Lee Garage, for which he was bound, was also at Happy Valley, and that he had intended to leave the machine there while he went to a game.

A fine of \$5 was imposed.

L. Biddulph, R.A., admitted two summonses for driving his car without a licence and for overtaking another vehicle on the wrong side of the road, in Queen's Road East. He pleaded that it was due to carelessness, rather than a reluctance to pay the amount of the licence, that he had hitherto failed to keep his appointments for the requisite test. He informed the Bench that this morning he had been tested and had paid for the licence.

Mr. Lindsell inflicted a fine of \$5 on each summons.

W. G. Oliver of the Royal Naval Hospital, admitted "making a mistake" when summoned for passing the red light at the Garden Road junction, while going west in his car. He said he saw the red light just before he passed it, and as there was no other vehicle ahead of him, he went on.

A fine of \$10 was inflicted.

A Mr. Coelho was fined \$5 for driving a motor-cycle with a rear light out of order, at Queen's Road Central, on the 12th instant.

### COOLIE STEALS CASE OF CHAMPAGNE.

FAILS TO DELIVER TO A  
LOCAL FIRM.

The theft of a case of champagne and a quantity of bottles, which were being delivered to the Union Trading Company by a coolie engaged by the firm's tallyman, was reported to the police yesterday. It being stated that the total value of the loss was \$194.

According to Mak Kee, the tallyman of the Union Trading Company of York Building, he engaged a coolie, Mak Fu, whom he had previously employed, to take delivery of the champagne and bottles from the Kowloon Godowns. The coolie, however, failed to appear at the Union Trading Company's premises and has not been seen since.

A reception will be held at the Club Lusitano to-morrow, Wednesday, at 5 p.m. in honour of His Excellency, Senhor Tamagnini Barbosa, Governor of Macao, and Madame Tamagnini Barbosa. All members of the Portuguese community are invited to be present.

The Empress of Canada, which left Hongkong on the 30th October, arrived at Vancouver on the 15th inst.

### EQUAL JUSTICE IN PALESTINE.

THE GOVERNMENT POLICY  
DEFENDED.

### IRRIGATION SCHEMES.

London, Nov. 17. Opening a debate on British policy in Palestine, on a motion for adjournment, which means that a vote will not be taken, Mr. Lloyd George, the Liberal leader, said they wanted equal justice for the Jews and the Arabs.

He added that he could only understand the White Paper recently published if it was written by an anti-Semitic official.

In reply, Dr. Drummond Shiels, Colonial Under-Secretary, emphasized that the Government had repeatedly affirmed their intention of carrying out the terms of the Mandate and they stood by that. Any suggestion to the contrary was based upon a misunderstanding. They regarded the two sides of equal importance and always intended that the Jews and the Arabs should have an opportunity of submitting their views before further legislative and administrative action was taken.

As regards the suggestion for a Round Table Conference, it had never been possible to get the parties together.

Development Plans. Regarding the projected development scheme, he said it was necessary to provide for an expenditure not exceeding £2,500,000, a large part of which would be devoted to productive work such as irrigation, drainage and other schemes designed to increase the general productivity of the country and which would provide for the settlement on the land of about ten thousand families.

In view of the present financial situation in Palestine, the only way such a sum could be provided was by a loan under the guarantee of the British Government.

After Christmas a bill authorizing the necessary guarantee, about £10,000 annually, would be introduced.

The scheme was intended in the first place to provide for those landless Arabs who could be shown to have been dispossessed as a result of land passing into Jewish hands, and any balance would be available for both Jewish and Arab settlement. The scheme was surely proof that the Government was not only attending to the needs of landless Arabs but making possible further opportunities for Jewish land settlement.—Reuter and British Wireless.

### FIRE IN MEDICINE SHOP.

CAUSED BY METHOD OF  
DRYING HERBS.

The Chinese medicine dealers' method of drying herbs overnight has again led to an outbreak of fire. Early this morning, an inmate of 48, Jardine's Bazaar, was awakened from the kitchen, where he found that a quantity of medicine had caught fire.

The alarm was raised shortly after 4 o'clock this morning and as soon as a message was sent through the Fire Brigade went to the scene. A small fire, had broken out in the kitchen, but was soon extinguished without much damage being caused. Property to the value of about \$100 was damaged by water.

It appears that Chan Shing, accountant of the Ting On Tong medicine shop, of 48, Jardine's Bazaar, who was awakened by the smell of smoke, found medicine in the kitchen had caught fire from a spark from a chetty.

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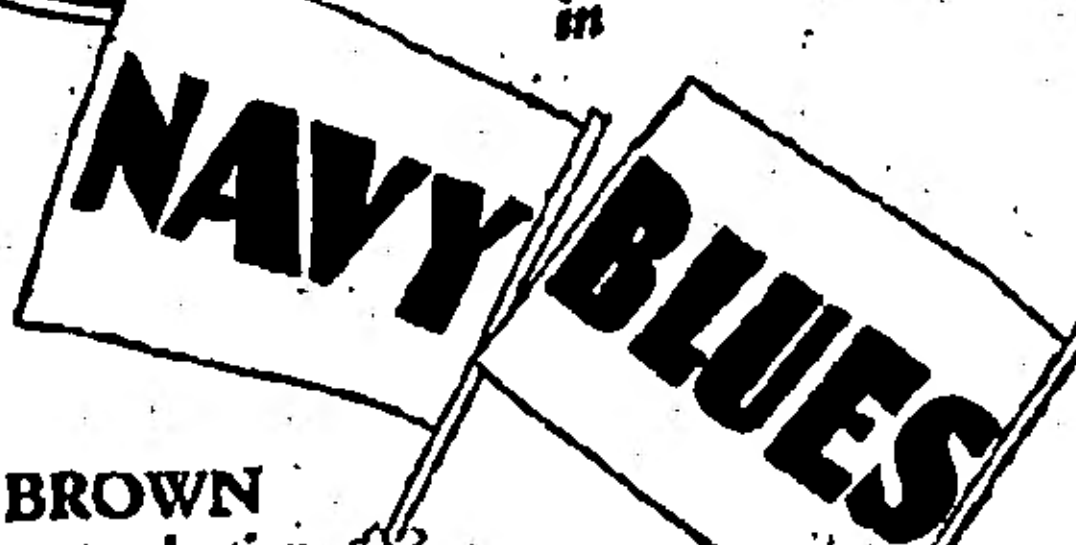


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